

Guide to Spanish Pronunciation



Tip: Reading in Spanish is pretty easy. If you know how the vowel sound reading and writing won't be so difficult to learn. The sounds of the vowels are short sounds and they never change.

Las Vocales - this is how they sound:

- a** like **apple** or open your mouth and say **ahh...**
- e** like **egg, met, bet**
- i** like **ski** or **igloo**
- o** like **orange**
- u** like **do, true**

Note: the vowel U is silent in 4 cases.
Don't sound it in: **que, qui, gue, gui**

Las Consonantes

- h** always silent except for when you see the letter **c** next to it.
*Can you say **chocolate**?*
- ll** sounds like the letter **y** in the word **yes**.
*Practice: I love **tortillas**!*
- rr** tricky, but fun to practice!
make the sound of a fast truck.
- ñ** sounds like **ny**.
- c** there is a soft and a strong sound. It sounds like an **s** (soft) when next to the letter **e** and **i**. Sounds like the letter **c** next to the vowels **a, o, u**.
- v** sound like a **b**. If you want to perfect your pronunciation try biting your lower lip to pronounced correctly.
- z** super easy, just like the **s** sound
- j** try pronouncing it as an **h**
- g** there is a soft and a strong sound. Soft is like a **j** (say: **gente/people**) and the strong sound is like a regular **g**
- q** this letter is silent if is next to the letter **u** and sounds like a **k** next to the letter **e** and **i**.