



PRONUNCIATION

Alphabet Pronunciation Guide

Every letter with English vs. Spanish pronunciation. Tricky letters highlighted in pink.

The English Alphabet / El Alfabeto Inglés

LETTER	ENGLISH SOUND	SPANISH SOUND	TRICKY?
A a	/eɪ/ (like "ay")	/a/	⚠ Different
B b	/bi:/	/be/	<i>Similar</i>
C c	/si:/	/se/	<i>Similar</i>
D d	/di:/	/de/	<i>Similar</i>
E e	/i:/ (like "ee")	/e/	⚠ Different
F f	/ef/	/efe/	<i>Similar</i>
G g	/dʒi:/ (like "jee")	/xe/	⚠ Different
H h	/eɪtʃ/ (like "aitch")	/atʃe/ (silent)	⚠ H is pronounced!
I i	/aɪ/ (like "eye")	/i/	⚠ Different
J j	/dʒeɪ/ (like "jay")	/xota/	⚠ Different
K k	/keɪ/	/ka/	<i>Similar</i>
L l	/el/	/ele/	<i>Similar</i>
M m	/em/	/eme/	<i>Similar</i>
N n	/en/	/ene/	<i>Similar</i>
O o	/oʊ/ (like "oh")	/o/	<i>Close</i>
P p	/pi:/	/pe/	<i>Similar</i>
Q q	/kju:/	/ku/	<i>Similar</i>
R r	/ɑ:r/	/ere/ (rolled)	⚠ No rolling!
S s	/es/	/ese/	<i>Similar</i>
T t	/ti:/	/te/	<i>Similar</i>
U u	/ju:/ (like "you")	/u/	⚠ Different

LETTER	ENGLISH SOUND	SPANISH SOUND	TRICKY?
V v	/vi:/	/ube/	Bite your lip!
W w	/'dʌbəlju:/	/doble u/	Long name!
X x	/eks/	/ekis/	Similar
Y y	/waɪ/ (like "why")	/i griega/	⚠ Different
Z z	/zi:/ (like "zee")	/seta/	Uses /z/ sound

⚠ Most Confusing Letters for Spanish Speakers

A = /eɪ/ not /a/

English A sounds like Spanish "ei." Spell "Ana" as "ay-en-ay."

E = /i:/ not /e/

English E sounds like Spanish "i." Very common mistake!

I = /aɪ/ not /i/

English I sounds like Spanish "ai." Spell "Lima" as "el-eye-em-ay."

H = /eɪtʃ/ (pronounced!)

Unlike Spanish, H is NOT silent in English. "Hello" starts with a breath sound.

🗨 Useful Spelling Phrases

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
How do you spell that?	¿Cómo se deletrea?
Can you spell your name?	¿Puedes deletrear tu nombre?
It's spelled ___	Se escribe / deletrea ___
Double "L"	Doble "L" (useful for spelling)



Practice tip: Spell your full name out loud in English every day. Then spell your email address, your city, and your street. This builds muscle memory for the English letter sounds!

