

El Alfabeto Español

There are thirty (30) letters in the Spanish alphabet (*el alfabeto or el abecedario*)--- four more than in the English alphabet. The four additional letters are the **ch**, the **ll**, the **ñ**, and the **rr**. [The letters **k** and **w** appear only in words borrowed from other languages.]

<u>Letters</u> (Letras)	<u>Letter Name</u> (Nombre)	<u>Letter Sound</u> (Sonido)	<u>Examples</u> (Ejemplos)	
Aa	a	*[ah] like "a" in father	Avión	Argentina
Bb	be	[beh] like "b" in boy (big)	Boca	Bolivia
Cc	ce	[seh] strong or soft "c" (k or s sound)	Comprar	Caracas
*Ch ch	che	[cheh] same as English	Chico	Chihuahua
Dd	de	[deh] between "d" & "th"	Domingo	Durango
Ee	e	*[eh] like in today	Excelente	Ecuador
Ff	efe	[ef-eh] same as English	Fabuloso	Florida
Gg	ge	[heh] strong or soft (hard "g" or "h")	Gato	Guatemala
Hh	hache	[silent] NO SOUND!!!	Hola	Honduras
Ii	i	*[ee] like an "e" in key	Importante	Inglaterra
Jj	jota	[ho-tah] like "h" in English	José	Jalisco
Kk	ca (ka)	[kah] hard "c", like English "k"	Kilómetro	Kansas
Ll	ele	[eh-leh] like "l" in English	Largo	Lima
*LL ll	elle	[eh-yeh] like "y" sound, yo-yo	Llorar	Llave
Mm	eme	[eh-meh] same as English	Mamá	México
Nn	ene	[eh-neh] same as English	No	Nicaragua
ÑÑ ññ	eñe	[ehn-yeh] like canyon, nonya	Niño	España
Oo	o	*[oh] like "o" in old	Octubre	Orlando
Pp	pe	[peh] same as English	Papá	Panamá
Qq	cu	[koo] hard "c", like "k" in kid	Querer	Quito
Rr	ere	[eh-reh] strongly trilled, single tap	Rico	Rusia
RR rr	erre	[eh-rreh] strongly trilled, rrrrr	Carro	Cerro El Pital
Ss	ese	[eh-seh] same as English	Salvador	San Juan
Tt	te	[teh] between "t" & "th"	Tomar	Tegucigalpa
Uu	u	*[oo] like sound in moon	Unidad	Uruguay
Vv	ve or uve	[veh] between "b" & "v" (little)	Volver	Venezuela
Ww	doble u or doble ve	[doh-bleh-oo] same as English	Walkman	Washington
Xx	equis	[eh-kees] "z" sound	Xavier	Extremadura
Yy	i griega	[ee-gree-eh-ga] "y" or "ee" sound	Yo	Paraguay
Zz	ceta (zeta)	[seh-ta] "s" sound	Zanahoria	Zaragoza

* The Vowels- Las vocals: **a**- father, **e**- elephant, **i**- meet, **o**- oval, **u**- igloo

- STRONG SOUNDING VOWELS = _____

- WEAK SOUNDING VOWELS = _____

*Consonants- Las consonants: all the letters in the alphabet except the vowels.

*The **ch** is pronounced with the same sound as in English- cherry or chair, as in **nachos** or **muchacho**.

*The **ll** is pronounced as a type of y sound. Spanish examples of this sound that you may already know are **tortilla** and **maravilloso**.

* No "ph", use "f" elephant- elefante, telephone- teléfono

*NO "double letters" bb, dd, ff, gg, mm, nn, pp, ss, tt, **only "ll, rr, cc, and ee" which have distinct sounds.**

*Accent mark =

Tilde=