

# SPANISH PHONETIC ALPHABET

## Pronunciation Reference Guide

### VOWELS (LAS VOCALES)

LETTER	IPA SYMBOL	ENGLISH EQUIVALENT	EXAMPLE
<b>A</b>	[a]	"ah" as in Father	<i>Casa</i>
<b>E</b>	[e]	"eh" as in Met	<i>Mesa</i>
<b>I</b>	[i]	"ee" as in See	<i>Cine</i>
<b>O</b>	[o]	"oh" as in Boy	<i>Todo</i>
<b>U</b>	[u]	"oo" as in Boot	<i>Lunes</i>

### KEY CONSONANTS

LETTER	IPA SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
<b>C (e, i)</b>	[s] / [θ]	"s" or "th" (Spain)	<i>Cerca</i>
<b>G (e, i)</b>	[x]	"h" but raspy	<i>Gente</i>
<b>H</b>	[-]	Always Silent	<i>Hola</i>
<b>J</b>	[x]	Strong "h" sound	<i>Jard�n</i>

LETTER	IPA SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
<b>LL</b>	[ɛ̃]	Like "y" in Yes	<i>Llave</i>
<b>Ñ</b>	[ɲ]	"ny" as in Onion	<i>Ñabo</i>
<b>RR</b>	[r̄]	Trilled "r"	<i>Perro</i>
<b>Z</b>	[s̄] / [ʃ̄]	Same as soft 'C'	<i>Zapato</i>

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