## El alfabeto español

## Letra Nombre Pronunciación

| a | $a$ | "ah" as in father, pasta, marsh |
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| b | $b e$ | "b" as in embarrass, embattled |
| c | ce | soft "c" as in Cecilia, braces, $\underline{\text { cider }}$ (before $e, i$ ) hard "c" as in $\underline{\mathbf{c}}$ at, $\underline{\mathbf{c}}$ ot, $\underline{\text { culinary ( }}$ (before $a, o, u$ ) |
| d | $d e$ | "th" as in they, feather |
| e | $e$ | "ay" as in hey, fey but no glide |
| f | efe | " f " as in $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$ antastic, $\underline{\text { fatal }}$ |
| g | ge | soft "h" as in heaven, hill, *Geraldo (in front of $e, i$ ) hard " $g$ " as in gull, goal, gallon (in front of $a, o, u$ ) |
| h | hache | silent, but aspirated in some dialects |
| i | $i$ | "ee" as in teeny, eek, sneeze |
| j | jota | "H" as in horrible, hardhat |
| k | $k a$ | foreign letter; not used to form Spanish words |
| 1 | ele | "l" as in latex, level |
| m | eme | " m " as in monster, massive |
| n | ene | " n " as in denial, minute |
| $\tilde{\mathrm{n}}$ | $e \tilde{n} e$ | "ny" as in canyon, banyan |
| 0 | $o$ | "0" as in ghost, cold, postman |
| p | pe | " p " as in empower, impolite |
| q | $q u$ | "k" as in cool, $\underline{c}_{\text {car }}$ |
| r | ere | "dd" as in muddy; "tt" as in butter |


| rr | erre | "rr" as in *carro, *burro, *rosa |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | ese | "s" as in Sam, castle, silly |
| t | te | " t " as in altitude, delta |
| u | $u$ | "oo" as in cool, moon |
| v | ve | same as "be" in most dialects of Spanish |
| w | doble ve | foreign letter; not used to form Spanish words |
| x | equis | "x" as in mixer, fixed (also as "s" sound) |
| y | $i$ griega | " y " as in mayor (consonant) or as in key (vowel) |
| Z | zeta | like "s" or soft "c" (appears only before $a, o, u$ ) |

