

# El alfabeto / The Alphabet

Learn the sounds of the Spanish alphabet.

La letra	Una palabra	El sonido de la letra
Aa	agua	a (hot)
Bb	bebé	be (boat)
Cc *	cepillo or coco	ce (silly) or (cola)
CHch **	chocolate	che (chocolate)
Dd	dedo	de (day)
Ee	elefante	e (rake)
Ff	fuego	efe (fire)
Gg *	gato or gigante	ge (goat) or (hill)
Hh	hoja	hache (hour)
Ii	isla	i (meat)
Jj	jirafa	jota (him)
Kk	koala	ka (cat)
Ll	limón	ele (lemon)
LLll **	llanta	elle (yellow)
Mm	manzana	eme (map)
Nn	número	ene (nap)
Ññ	ñu	eñe (canyon)
Oo	ocho	oh (joke)
Pp	papalote	pe (pillow)
Qq	queso	cu (can)
Rr	rama	ere (rose)
rr ***	perro	erre (rolled r sound)
Ss	siete	ese (silly)
Tt	tigre	te (tiptoe)
Uu	uvas	u (balloon)
Vv	violín	ve (baby)
Ww	waffle (no native Spanish words)	doble ve (worm)
Xx	xilófono	equis (xylophone)
Yy	yate	i griega (yawn)
Zz	zorro	zeta (set)

\* The letters **c** and **g** are pronounced differently, depending on the vowel that follows. A **c** followed by **a**, **e**, or **u** would be pronounced "k." A **c** followed by an **i** or **e** is pronounced like "s." Similarly, a **g** followed by an **a**, **e**, or **u** would be pronounced like the **g** in "goat." A **g** followed by an **i** or **e** is pronounced like the **n** in "hill."

\*\* The letter combinations **ch** and **ll** are traditionally considered unique letters in the Spanish alphabet.

\*\*\* The letter combination **rr** is not always considered a separate letter, but it is a unique sound in Spanish.