

# El alfabeto

(el abecedario)



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## How many letters?

- 27 letters per the *Real Academia Española* in Spain.
- Some Spanish speaking countries/regions may have up to three additional letters in their alphabets.

## Additional letters

- **ch** (chay)
- **ll** (eh-yay)
- **rr** (er~~ray - roll the “r”)

# Spanish Vowels (Vocales)

Spanish vowels  
are always  
pronounced  
the same

Spanish vowels  
are short and  
crisp.

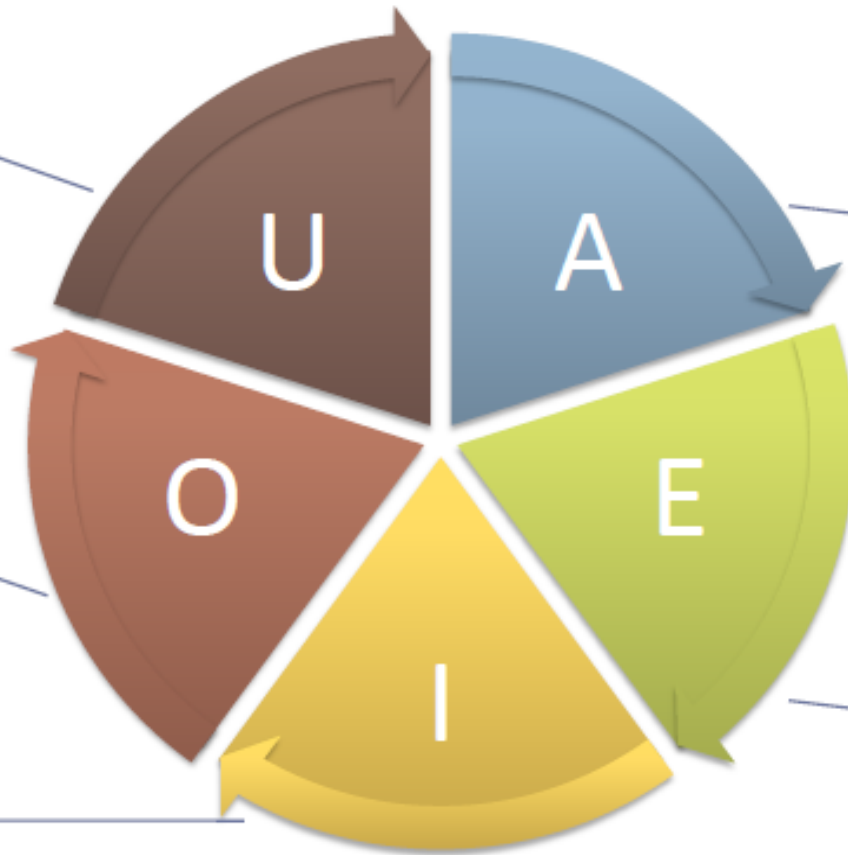
Sounds  
like  
English  
"oo"

Sounds  
like  
English  
"oh"

Sounds  
like  
English  
"e"

Sounds  
like  
English  
"ah"

Sounds  
like  
English  
"a"



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**a** (ah), **b** (bay), **c** (say), **ch** (chay), **d** (day) , **e** (ay), **f** (ef-ay)

**g** (hay), **h** (ah-chay), **i** (ee), **j** (ho-tah), **k** (kah), **l** (el-lay), **ll** (eh-yay)

**m** (eh-may), **n** (en-nay), **ñ** (en-yay), **o** (oh), **p** (pay)

**q** (koo), **r** (eh-ray), **rr** (er~~ray - roll the “r”), **s** (eh-say), **t** (tay)

**u** (oo), **v** (bay), **w** (doh-blai-bay), **x** (eh-keys)

**y** (ee - gree- eh- gah), **z** (say- tah)

# Los sonidos de las letras (letter sounds)

**D** = th/d    ex: nublado

**G** = hard g or h sound

ex: gris, grande, gigante, ingenio

**H** = silent    ex: Hace sol or hola

**J** = h sound    ex: anaranjado

**LI** = y sound    ex: amarillo

**B/V** = both are a mix of the two

ex: bien, viernes, verde

# Pronunciación

- Emphasis is always on the second to last syllable, unless there is an accent. ´
- Only vowels can have accent marks
  - á, é, í, ó, ú
- The ~ on top of the n is called a tilde (ñ). It is not an accent mark but rather a marking for a different letter sound.

# Try to sound out these words ....

- Vestido
- Nubes
- llave
- Avión
- Carro
- Teléfono
- Jirafa