

Spanish Consonants

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WHAT'S COVERED

In this lesson, you will take a closer look at the consonants in the Spanish alphabet, and how they are pronounced in different Spanish words. Specifically, this lesson will cover:

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The following tables show the pronunciation of the consonants in the Spanish alphabet. Consonants with an asterisk have the same sound as in English.

Letter	Sound	Word To Try
b*	as in English	banana (banana)
c*	s (soft) before an "e" or "i"	ciudad (city)
	k (hard) before any other vowel	comer (to eat)
	"cc" is pronounced "ks"	accento (accent)
ch	ch	chico (boy)
d	softer than in English in the middle or at the end (in some dialects like "th" at middle or end)	dedo (finger)
f*	as in English	farmacia (pharmacy)
g	h (soft) before an "e" or "i"	gente (people)
	g (hard) before other vowels	domingo (Saturday)
h	always silent	hola (hello)
j	h	José (Joseph)
k*	as in English	kilogramo (kilogram)
l*	as in English	luego (later)
ll	y	Me llamo (I call myself)

m*	as in English	mi (my)
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Letter	Sound	Word To Try
n*	as in English	no (no)
ñ	ny	español (Spanish)
p*	as in English	papel (paper)
q	k (never kw)	¿Qué? (What?)
r	like "dd" in "ladder" trilled /repeated at the beginning of a word	hablar (to speak) para (for), rico (rich)
rr	trilled/repeated	carro (car)

Letter	Sound	Word To Try
s*	as in English	sí (yes)
t	softer than in English in the middle or at the end	tío (uncle), gato (cat)
v	like a "b"	viejo (old)
w*	as in English	web (internet)
x	ks before vowels s before consonants	examen (exam) extra (extra)
y*	as in English	yo (I)
z	s	empezar (to begin), zapatos (shoes)



SUMMARY

In this lesson, you learned about the **consonants** you will need to know in order to form words using the Spanish alphabet. While some of the consonants have the same pronunciation as they do in English, others have different or multiple pronunciations that it will be important for you to remember when speaking.

¡Buena suerte!

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