

Spanish Consonants

Pronunciation Practice

B	less forceful than in English; often identical in sound to V	bien	bebé
C	has 2 sounds: like English S before E or I; like English K before A, O, U, or consonant	casa	cine
CH	like CH in chair	chico	leche
D	generally not as strong as English D; often like TH, especially between vowels and at end of word	día	verdad
F	same value as in English	café	fruta
G	has 2 sounds: like English H before E or I; like English hard G before A, O, U, or consonant	jugo	general
H	always silent (note that CH is a separate character)	hola	hijo
J	like an English H	hijo	jugo
L	same value as in English	hola	leche
LL	in most areas, pronounced as Y	calle	llama
M	same value as in English	mesa	llama
N	same value as in English	noche	nada
Ñ	like NY in English	señor	niño
P	similar to English, but not aspirated	papá	peso
Q	always followed by U; like an English K	queso	quien
R	pronounced with single flap except as initial sound, when it is trilled	señor	fruta
RR	trilled R sound	perro	carro
S	generally similar to English	casa	señor
T	unlike English, T is an unaspirated dental sound	taza	fruta
V	often identical in sound to B	vaso	vive
X	varies, but often like KS in English	excelente	exacto
Y	almost always like English Y	ya	Yucatán
Z	like an English S	taza	azúcar