

SPANISH PRONUNCIATION

A B C CH D E F G H I J K L LL M N Ñ O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

- A** Always pronounced as in apple
- E** Always pronounced as in egg
- I** Always pronounced as in Ferrari
- O** Always pronounced as in orange
- U** Always pronounced like the double 'o' in balloon
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- C** Hard sound (as in cat) when in front of A, O or U
'th' sound when in front of E or I
- G** Soft sound (as in girl) when in front of A, O or U
Hard throaty 'g' when in front of E or I
- H** Always silent (except when used after C as in 4th letter)
- J** Always the same sound as the throaty 'g'
- LL** Sounds like an 'l' closely followed by a 'y'
- Ñ** Sounds like an 'n' closely followed by a 'y'
- Q** Only used in front of UE or UI
- Z** Always pronounced like a 'th' sound

All remaining letters are pronounced as in English.

STRESS & ACCENTS

If the last syllable of the word is stressed, then the last vowel in that syllable only carries an accent if the word ends with a vowel, an N or an S

e.g. Ratón
Yogur

When the penultimate syllable is stressed the vowel in that syllable will only carry an accent if the word ends with a consonant other than N or S

e.g. Ángel
Coche

If the stress falls on the antepenultimate syllable, then that syllable is always accented

e.g. Plátano
Número