

Spanish

Year 1

SECCIÓN
(SECTION)

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LOS ALFABETOS ESPAÑÓLES



SALUDOS Y PRESENTACIONES

PRESENTARSE

INTRODUCCIÓN

Esta sección te enseña el alfabeto español y su aplicación en la deletreación de tu nombre y otras palabras en español. También sirve para que aprendas a pronunciar palabras en español. Algunos alfabetos españoles cuando vienen antes de una vocal cambian de sonido, por ejemplo, «G» cambia a «gah» en la palabra «gato» debido a la vocal «a». Conocer los alfabetos y sus sonidos te permitirá identificar palabras españolas cuando las oigas, pronunciar palabras en español y, finalmente, hablar español.

This section teaches you the Spanish alphabet and their application in the spelling of your name and other Spanish words. It is also meant for you to learn how to pronounce words in Spanish. Some Spanish alphabets when they come before a vowel change in sound for example, “G” changes to “gah” in the word “gato” because of the vowel “a” “ Knowing the alphabet and their sounds will enable you to identify Spanish words when you hear them, pronounce words in Spanish and eventually speak Spanish.

At the end of this section, you should be able to (Al final de esta sección, deberías ser capaz de):

Escuchar y deletrear nombres (Comprensión auditiva)

Key Ideas

Spanish alphabets have similar characters like English alphabets, but they are pronounced differently. The alphabets *ch*, *ll*, *ñ* and *rr* exist in the Spanish alphabet. In addition, Spanish alphabets have different sounds when they appear in words. The way a word is pronounced in English is not the same way a word is pronounced in Spanish, for instance, “come” in Spanish has two syllables *co/ me*, thus the last *e* is pronounced.

EL ALFABETO

Task: Escucha y repite los alfabetos (*listen and repeat*)



audio of the Spanish alphabets.aac

Table 2.1 The Spanish Alphabet

A <i>ah</i>	B <i>beh</i>	C <i>theh</i>	CH <i>che</i>	D <i>de</i>
E <i>e</i>	F <i>efe</i>	G <i>heh</i>	H <i>ache</i>	I <i>ee</i>
J <i>hota</i>	K <i>kah</i>	L <i>ele</i>	LL <i>e-yeh</i>	M <i>eme</i>
N <i>ene</i>	Ñ <i>enye</i>	O <i>oh</i>	P <i>peh</i>	Q <i>cu</i>
R <i>ere</i>	RR <i>erre</i>	S <i>ese</i>	T <i>te</i>	U <i>oo</i>
V <i>ube</i>	W <i>ube doble</i>	X <i>equis</i>	Y <i>igriega</i>	Z <i>ceta</i>

Pronunciación

La C

- (+ a, o, u)



Figure 2.1: Casa Source: <https://www.blueroselimited.com/>

casa ['kah-sah],

Examples: cosa ['koh-sah], causa ['kau-sa], cuarto ['kwarh-toh]

- (+ e, i)

Examples: Cesar [' theh-sahr], cero ['theh-roh], cien ['thyehn], cenar ['theh-narh]

La G

- (+ a, o, u)



Figure 2.2: Gato

gato ['gah-toh],

Examples: Gordo ['gorh-doh], gusto ['goos-toh], goma ['goh-mah]

- (+ e, i)

Examples: gigante ['hee-gahn-teh], general ['heh-neh-rahl], gente ['hehn-teh], gesto ['hehs-toh]

- **G+ue and G+ui:** the *u* is silent.

Examples: Guerra [ge-rra]

La J



Figure 2.3: Jabón

jabón ['hah-bohn],

Examples: jardín ['hahr-deen], jugo ['hoo-goh], juez ['hwehth], jugar ['hoo-gahr], jefe ['heh-feh], jengibre ['hehng-hee-breh], jirafa ['hee-rah-fah],

La LL is pronounced like the English letter “Y” as in the word “yes”



Figure 2.4: Llaves

Llave ['yah-beh],

Examples: lluvia ['yoo-byah], amarillo ['ah-mah-ree-yoh], pollo ['poh-yoh], ella ['eh-yah],

La Ñ



Figure 2.5: Piña

Piña ['pee-nyah]

Examples: niño ['nee-nyoh], España ['ehs-pah-nyah], señor ['seh-nyohr]

Qu sounds the same as the English letter “K” as in the word “cat” and it’s only used with the vowels “e, i”



Figure 2.6: Quiosco

Quiosco ['kyohs-koh],

Examples: Queso ['keh-soh], Quince ['keen-theh],

La RR



Figure 2.7: Perro

perro ['peh-rroh]

Examples: carro ['kah-rroh], zorro ['thoh-roh], borrar ['boh-rrahr], pizarra ['pee-thah-rrah],

La V is pronounced like the English letter “B” as in the word “bar”



Figure 2.8: Vaca

Vaca ['bah-kah],

Examples: viernes ['byehr-nehs], vender ['behn-dehr], viajar ['byah-hahrr],

Note: in Spanish all vowels are pronounced except the *u* after *q* and *u* in *gue/gui*

Activity 2.1

1. Say the Spanish alphabet without looking at it. Ask your classmate to check your pronunciation using the chart at the start of this section.
2. Spell your full name using the Spanish alphabet. Ask your classmate to check your pronunciation using the chart at the start of this section.

Review Questions

Ejercicio 1

Write down the names or words pronounced in the audio.



audio for
dictation.ogg

Ejercicio 2

Write out the words spelt here in letters.

Example: ah-eme-i-ge-o= amigo

1. U-ube-ah =
2. Ah-ele-te-o =
3. Be-e-be-i-de-ah =
4. Ele-o-theh-o =
5. Ube-i-de-a =

Extended Reading

You can practice further with these videos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlazjKbt40Q>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsLYD1Jyf3A>



Reference

<https://www.spanishdict.com/pronunciation>

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