

¿Cómo Se Dice? Spanish Conversation Hour
Resources: Alphabet & Pronunciation Tips

Spanish Alphabet

A a	H hache	Ñ eñe	U u
B be	I i	O o	V uve
C ce	J jota	P pe	W uve
D de	K ka	Q cu	doble
E e	L ele	R erre	X equis
F efe	M eme	S ese	Y ye
G ge	N ene	T te	Z zeta

Letter	Letter Name	English Pronunciation Tips
A	a	like the "a" in "father"
B	be	like the "b" in "about"
C	ce	before e and i, like the "c" in "cent" in Latin America
C		before a, o, u, like the "c" in "car"
D	de	like the "d" in "today"
E	e	like the "e" in "vet"

F	efe	like the "f" in "face"
G	ge	like the "h" in "hot" before e, i
G		like the "g" in "again" before a, o, u
H	hache	always silent
I	i	like the "ee" in "see"
J	jota	like the "h" in "hot"
K	ka	like the "c" in "car"
L	ele	like the "l" in "leg"
M	eme	like the "m" in "mother"
N	ene	like the "n" in "need"
Ñ	eñe	like the "ny" in "canyon"
O	o	like the "o" in "more"
P	pe	like the "p" in "spouse"
Q	cu	like the "c" in "car"
R	erre	strongly trilled at the beginning of a word, after n, s or l, and when there is a double r in the middle of a word
R		otherwise, r makes a softer sound

S	ese	like the "s" in "sack"
T	te	like the "t" in "stand"
U	u	like the "oo" in "food"
V	uve	like the "b" in "about"
W	uve doble	like the "w" in "web"
X	equis	like the "x" in "taxy" when it appears between vowels or at the end of a word
X		like the "s" in "sack" at the beginning of a word or before a consonant
Y	ye	like the "y" in "yes"
Z	zeta	like the "s" in "sack" in Latin America

digraph	English approximation
ch	like the "ch" in "chocolate"
ll	like the "y" in "yes"
rr	strongly trilled
gu	like the "g" in "guitar"
qu	like the "c" in "car"

Role-play Conversations

During our online Conversation Hour, we will engage in role-playing discussions. We encourage you to practice in advance -with a friend or colleague, if possible. This way, you will feel more comfortable engaging in practice discussions during our session!

Role-Play Instructions

With a partner, use the vocabulary list as necessary to role-play a small dialogue with a Spanish speaking patron who has come into your library. One person will play the librarian or library worker and the other person will play the Spanish speaking patron.

Role-Play Example:

Library worker: -Good Morning

Patron: -Buenos días

Library worker: -¿Habla inglés?

Patron: - Lo siento. No hablo inglés.

Library worker: Hablo solo un poco de español. - Más despacio, por favor.

Patron: Gracias! - El baño por favor

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