

Spanish Alphabet Sounds

a- like “father”

b- (*just a little softer than in English*)

c- two ways, just like in English- “ceiling” or “calendar”

ch

d- *has a soft “th” sound like “with” between vowels and at the end of words. Otherwise like English.*

e- like “made” or “egg”

f

g- like “go” before a, o, and u. Like “José” before e, i.

h- (always silent)

i- like “feed”

j- like “José” (harsher than an English “h”)

k

l

ll- like “yet” or in some places almost like “jet”(or “did y’all”)

m

n

ñ- like “canyon”

o- like “obey”

p

q- like “can”(even though it is always followed by “u”)

r- *at the beginning of a word it sounds like “rr.” At other times, it is a little softer than in English.*

rr- (like a cat purring)

s

t

u- like “boo”

v- (like “b”)

w

x (or like the letter “s”)

y-*If used as a consonant, like “yet” or in some places almost like “jet”(exactly like “ll”). If used as a vowel, like “feed” (exactly like “i”)*

z- like “s”(except in Spain, where it is like a soft “th”)