

El Abecedario

The Alphabet

Letra	Nombre	Sonidos	
A	ah	amigo	
B	beh – beh grande	bebé	
C	seh	cielo – makes an /s/ sound when followed by an <i>e</i> or <i>i</i> .	casa – otherwise makes a /k/ sound.
CH	ch eh	chimichanga	
D	deh	Dios	
E	eh	español – makes the short /ě/ sound like the English word <i>egg</i> at the beginning and middle of a word.	bebé – makes a long /ā/ sound like the English word <i>day</i> at the end of a word.
F	efeh	fiesta	
G	heh	gila – makes the /h/ sound when followed by an <i>e</i> or <i>i</i> .	gracias – otherwise makes a /g/ sound like the English word <i>grand</i> .
		guitarra – makes a /g/ sound like the English word <i>grand</i> when following by a <i>ue</i> or <i>ui</i> . The <i>u</i> is silent, as its only function is to separate the <i>g</i> and the <i>e</i> or <i>i</i> .	vergüenza – when the <i>ü</i> should be pronounced, it is written with an umlaut (two dots).
H	ahch eh	<silent>	
I	ee – ee latina	iglesia – makes the long /ē/ sound, like the English word <i>eat</i> .	
J	hotah	José – makes the /h/ sound.	
K	kah	kilómetro	
L	eleh	libro	
LL	eyeh	llamar – makes the /y/ sound.	
M	emeh	María	
N	eneh	no	
Ñ	enyeh	cañón – makes the /ny/ sound.	
O	oh	oración – makes the long /ō/ sound like the English word <i>open</i> .	
P	peh	pueblo	

Q	koo	que – makes the /k/ sound. Always followed by a <i>u</i> , which is silent.	
R	ereh	ropa	
RR	erreh	arrepentimiento – the trilled /rr/ sounds like a cat purring.	
S	eseh	santo	
T	teh	tortilla	
U	oo	uno	
V	beh – beh chicka	verde – makes the same sound as the <i>b</i> .	
W	doble oo – beh doble	wifi	
X	ekees	Éxito – makes the /ks/ sound, like the English word <i>exit</i> .	
Y	ee – ee griega	yo – makes a consonant sound at the beginning or middle of words, like the English word <i>yellow</i> .	hoy – makes a long /ē/ sound at the end of a word, like the English word <i>eat</i> .
Z	setah	zapato – makes the same sound as the <i>s</i> .	