

Pronunciation Guide

Name: _____

Use this chart to practice proper pronunciation of Spanish words.

Letter	Spanish Example	Spanish Word for Letter	Sound in English
a	agua	a	<u>o</u> ctopus
b	bebé	be	<u>b</u> oat
c *	cepillo or coco	ce	<u>c</u> elery or <u>c</u> ola
ch **	chocolate	che	<u>ch</u> ess
d	dedo	de	<u>d</u> og
e	elefante	e	<u>r</u> ake
f	fuego	efe	<u>f</u> amily
g *	gato or gigante	ge	gate or <u>h</u> ill
h	hoja	hache	<u>h</u> our (silent)
i	isla	i	<u>m</u> eat
j	jirafa	jota	<u>h</u> ot
k	koala	ka	<u>k</u> angaroo
l	limón	ele	<u>l</u> isten
ll **	llanta	elle	<u>y</u> awn
m	manzana	eme	<u>m</u> ap
n	número	ene	<u>n</u> umber
ñ	ñu	eñe	<u>c</u> anyon
o	ocho	o	<u>o</u> pen
p	papalote	pe	<u>p</u> otato
q	queso	cu	<u>c</u> ool
r	rama	ere	<u>r</u> at
rr ***	perro	erre	<u>R</u> obert (roll the r)
s	siete	ese	<u>s</u> un
t	tigre	te	<u>t</u> an
u	uvas	u	<u>b</u> alloon
v	violín	ve	<u>b</u> aby
w	wafle	doble ve	<u>w</u> orm
x	xilófono	equis	<u>x</u> ylophone
y	yate	i griega	<u>y</u> ellow
z	zorro	zeta	<u>s</u> et

* The letters c and g are pronounced differently, depending on the vowel that follows. A c followed by a, o, or u would be pronounced like the k in "kite." A c followed by an i or e is pronounced like the s in "simple." Similarly, a g followed by an a, o, or u would be pronounced like the g in "goat." A g followed by an i or e is pronounced like the h in "hill."

** The letter combinations ch and ll are traditionally considered unique letters in the Spanish alphabet.

*** The letter combination rr is not always considered a separate letter, but it is a unique sound in Spanish.