



There are only five vowels, and each vowel has only one sound.

**Spanish Vowels**

**A** (ah)

The A is made by saying "ah" with the jaw dropped, as in "ball."

**E** (ay)

The E is made by grinning wide, then saying "ay," as in "hay."

**I** (ee)

The I is made by saying "ee," as in "cheese."

**O** (oh)

The O is made by saying "oh," as in "okay."

**U** (ew)

The U is made by saying "ew" as in "new."

**Spanish Syllables**

Notice how the vowels combine with consonants to create the syllables that make up Spanish words. Breaking a word into syllables makes it easier to pronounce.

Only two consonants change sounds when they combine with different vowels. The "c" sound in **ce** and **ci** become soft to create "say" and "see," and the "g" sound in **ge** and **gi** is pronounced "hay" and "hee." The "h" is silent in Spanish and the "z" is pronounced like an "s." Practice this exercise with the CD/cassette.

ba be bi bo bu  
ca **ce ci** co cu  
da de di do du  
fa fe fi fo fu  
ga **ge gi** go gu  
ha he hi ho hu

ja je ji jo ju  
la le li lo lu  
ma me mi mo mu  
na ne ni no nu  
ña ñe ñi ño ñu  
pa pe pi po pu

ra re ri ro ru  
sa se si so su  
ta te ti to tu  
va ve vi vo vu  
ya ye yi yo yu  
za ze zi zo zu

Practice the alphabet with the CD/cassette and learn to spell your last name.

**Spanish Alphabet**

**A**

(ah)

**B**

(bay)

**C**

(say)

**Ch**

(chay)

**D**

(day)

**E**

(ay)

**F**

(ef-fay)

**G**

(hay)

**H**

(ah-chay)

**I**

(ee-latina)

**J**

(ho-tah)

**K**

(kah)

**L**

(el-lay)

**LL**

(el-yay)

**M**

(em-may)

**N**

(en-nay)

**Ñ**

(en-yay)

**O**

(oh)

**P**

(pay)

**Q**

(coo)

**R**

(eh-ray)

**RR**

(eh-rray)

**S**

(es-say)

**T**

(tay)

**U**

(ew)

**V**

(bay)

**W**

(do-blay ew)

**X**

(eh-kees)

**Y**

(ee-gree-ay-gah)

**Z**

(seh-tah)