

Spanish Pronunciation

Languages

The rules, and why Spanish spelling is so much easier than English.

Five vowels, each with exactly one sound, everywhere.

Vowels — always

a – father

e – bet

i – machine

o – or

u – flute

Consonants

c before e/i – s (or th in Spain)

g before e/i – like Scottish loch

j – always that same sound

h – always silent

ll / y – roughly 'y' in yes

ñ – 'ny' as in canyon

Rolled

rr – always trilled

r at the start of a word – trilled

r elsewhere – a single tap

B and V are pronounced identically in Spanish. Spelling them apart is a written distinction only.