

Alphabets – Alfabetos

Castilian Spanish contains thirty alphabets among which five are vowels and twenty-five are consonants.

Aa	Bb	Cc	CHch	Dd	Ee
Ff	Gg	Hh	ll	Jj	Kk
Ll	LLll	Mm	Nn	Ññ	Oo
Pp	Qq	Rr	RRrr	Ss	Tt
Uu	Vv	Ww	X x	Yy	Zz

In above chart the alphabets in red color are used in *Classical Castilian*, however in the *Modern Castilian* they are omitted by Real Academia Española [Governing Syndicate of Castilian]. The one in green color is considered to be unique sound.

Vowels – vocales

The vowels in Castilian are too similar to that of Indian languages. Although there are only five vowels, there is a special accent mark (´) called La tilde, applied over only to the vowels in order to stress them a bit longer than its counterparts.

Aa	ll	Uu	Ee	Ai	Oo	Au
Áá	Íí	Úú	Éé		Óó	

Pronunciation Guide:

उच्चारणं	नामः	ALPHABETS	NAME	PRONUNCIATION	பெயர்	உச்சரிப்பு
अ	अ	A a	Ah	Awesome	அ	அ
ब	बे	B b	Bay	Nib Rib		
स्	से	C c	Say	Ace Peace	ஸெ	ஸ்
च्	चे	CH ch	Che	Cherry Check	செ	ச்
द्	दे	D d	They	Prasaad		
ए	ए	E e	A	Egg Elephant	எ	எ
फ़	एफ़े	F f	Efe	Cliff Effect		
ह	हे	G g	Hey	Hello Have	ஹெ	ஹ்
न शब्दः	अ चे	H h	Ah + Che	Silent No sound	அ செ	ஒலியில்லை
इ	इ	I i	E	Is Interest	இ	இ
ह	हो ता	J j	Ho + Tha	Hello Have	ஹொதா	ஹ்
क्	क	K k	Ka	Click Make	க	க்
ल्	एल्ले	L l	Ele	Peril Apple	எல்லெ	ல்
ल्ज्	एल्लेजे	LL ll	Eljay	Bulge	எல்ஜெ	ல்ஜ்
म्	एम्मे	M m	Eme	Rim Come	எம்மெ	ம்
न्	एन्ने	N n	Ene	Sin Win	என்னெ	(ந்) ன்
ञ्	एञ्जे	Ñ ñ	Enye	Canyon	எஞ்ஞெ	ஞ்
ओ	ओ	O o	O	Olympics	ஒ	ஒ
प्	पे	P p	Pay	Grip Tip	பெ	ப்
क्	कु	Q q	Ku	Mosque	கு	க்
र्र	एर्रे	R r	Erre	Rare Are	எர்ரெ	ர்ர்
र्रर्र	एरररे	RR rr	Errre	Errect Error	எர்ர்ரெ	ற்
स्	एस्से	S s	Essay	Miss Kiss	எஸ்ஸெ	ஸ்
त्	ते	T t	Te	Path Cloth	தெ	த்
उ	उ	U u	OO	Uganda Ooze	உ	உ
व्	वे	V v	Ve	Give Native	வெ	வ்
उव्	दोब्ले वे	W w	Doble Ve	Wax Wow		உவ்
क् स्	एक्किस	X x	Ekkis	Vicks Six	எக்கிஸ்	க்ஸ்
य्/ ज्	यि ग्रियेगा	Y y	ii Griega	Toy Sky Jet		ய்/ஜ்
स्	से ता	Z z	Say + Tha	Ace Peace	ஸெதா	ஸ்

*H is silent | C & Z should be pronounced with tongue hitting the tip of teeth | G produces harsh 'Ha' sound whereas J is soft 'Ha' sound | Y has both 'ii' and 'J' sound | LL has three sounds such as eljay/ elshay/eiye depend upon which region of native speaker says it.

Strong and soft vowels with C & G

Whenever vowels combine with C & G, they get split into two type viz., Strong and Soft vowels. A,O,U are Strong vowels which tweak the sounds of C & G, where as I & E are soft vowels which retains the same sound that of C & G.

C + A	pronounced as KA in CO ME
C + Á	pronounced as KÁ in CA R
C + I	pronounced as SI in SI T
C + Í	pronounced as SÍ in SEA SON or SEA T
C + U	pronounced as KU in CU SHION
C + Ú	pronounced as KU in COO L
C + E	pronounced as SE in SE PTIC or SE LL
C + É	pronounced as SÉ in SA FETY
C + O	pronounced as KO in CO MMMA
C + Ó	pronounced as KÓ in CO MB

G + A	pronounced as GA in GA NGA
G + Á	pronounced as GÁ in GA NDHI
G + I	pronounced as GI in KA KHI
G + Í	pronounced as GÍ in BOO GEY
G + U	pronounced as GU in GOO D
G + Ú	pronounced as GÚ in MAN GOOSE
G + E	pronounced as GE in CH EMISTRY
G + É	pronounced as GÉ in KHE LO or HA TE
G + O	pronounced as GO in GO RRILLA
G + Ó	pronounced as GÓ in GO AL

To fill the void of strong vowel, i.e. to produce Sa, Su, So sound we should recourse to 'Z' as C and Z has the same sounds. Similarly to get the Ha, Hu, Ho sound, we should recourse to 'J' as it is the softer version of G.

Note: There is no 'Ta' & its sequence sounds or 'Da' & its sequence sounds in Castilian. It has to be either 'Tha' & its sequence or 'Dha' & its sequence instead. For example, the term 'Tilde' should sound like 'Thil-dhe'.

Dual sounds of Y:

Y has got two kinds of pronunciation in Spanish, depend on the native speakers. Either way it is correct to pronounce as ii or j.

For example,

Yesus – can be pronounced as Yesus or Jesus

Similarly,

Yerusalem can be pronounced either Yerusalem or Jerusalem

Same way,

Yasmin as Yasmin or Jasmin

Yohana as Yo-ana or Jo-ana,

Yacob as Yacob or Jacob &

Yamuna as Yamuna or Jamuna.

Following chart gives the overall idea over its pronunciation.

Y + A	YA in Ya ^k
	JA in Ja ^m
Y + I	YI in Yi ^{ppy}
	JI in Ji ⁿ
Y + U	YU in You
	JU in Ju ^{rassic}
Y + E	YE in Ye ^s
	JE in Je ^{rusalem}
Y + O	YO in Yo ^{ga}
	JO in Jo ^{ker}

Same applicable for vowels with la tilde.