

PRONUNCIATION

Spanish is easy to pronounce because it's spelled the same way it's pronounced. The most important things to get right are the vowel sounds. There are only 5 vowel sounds and you need to know them well. They are;

Letter	Sound	Example
A	"ah" like ma or raw	LINK
E	"ay" like pay or fate	LINK
I	"e" like bee or me	LINK
O	"o" like mow or hoe	LINK
U	"oo" like moo or sue	LINK

They are pronounced quickly and sharply. There are no silent vowels in Spanish except for the "u" in "que", "qui", "que", and "qui". Every other vowel must be pronounced without exception.

There are 6 other important "letters" that are pronounced differently;

Letter	Sound	Example
G	a raspy h before the letters "e" or "i" g elsewhere	LINK
H	silent	LINK
J	raspy h	LINK
LL	y	LINK
Ñ	ny	LINK
RR	a rolled or "trilled" r	LINK