

# Spanish IPA Chart

International Phonetic Alphabet for Spanish — 5 vowels + 19 consonants · Castilian (Spain) & Latin American

## Vowels (5)

**a** pata /'pa.ta/      **e** mesa /'me.sa/      **i** vino /'bi.no/      **o** oso /'o.so/      **u** luna /'lu.na/

## Consonants (19)

| IPA      | SPELL          | EXAMPLE         | IPA       | SPELL         | EXAMPLE          |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>p</b> | p              | pelo /'pe.lo/   | <b>j</b>  | y, ll (LatAm) | yo /jo/          |
| <b>b</b> | b, v           | bobo /'bo.βo/   | <b>tʃ</b> | ch            | churro /'tʃu.ro/ |
| <b>t</b> | t              | tela /'te.la/   | <b>m</b>  | m             | mano /'ma.no/    |
| <b>d</b> | d              | dedo /'de.ðo/   | <b>n</b>  | n             | nido /'ni.ðo/    |
| <b>k</b> | c, qu, k       | casa /'ka.sa/   | <b>ɲ</b>  | ñ             | ñoño /'ɲo.ɲo/    |
| <b>g</b> | g, gu          | gato /'ga.to/   | <b>l</b>  | l             | lento /'len.to/  |
| <b>f</b> | f              | foca /'fo.ka/   | <b>ʎ</b>  | ll (Spain)    | lluvia /'ʎu.βja/ |
| <b>θ</b> | c/z (Spain)    | cielo /'θje.lo/ | <b>r</b>  | r (soft)      | pero /'pe.ro/    |
| <b>s</b> | s, c/z (LatAm) | soso /'so.so/   | <b>r</b>  | rr, r-        | perro /'pe.ro/   |
| <b>x</b> | j, g(e/i)      | jota /'xo.ta/   |           |               |                  |

## Diphthongs

|           |        |           |       |           |        |
|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|
| <b>aj</b> | baile  | <b>au</b> | causa | <b>ej</b> | reina  |
| <b>eɪ</b> | Europa | <b>oi</b> | hoy   | <b>ja</b> | tierra |

## Stress & syllable

' primary stress: /'ka.sa/      • syllable break

## Spain vs Latin America

**Distinción / seseo:** Spain says c/z as [θ] (caza /'ka.θa/); LatAm uses [s] (caza = casa).

**Yeísmo:** ll merges into y — [ʎ] → [j] (Argentina: [ʒ]/[j]).

**b d g** soften to [β ð γ] between vowels.