



Lección número 1	Lesson 1
Los sonidos del español	<i>The Sounds of Spanish</i>
Las vocales	<i>The vowels</i>
	In this lesson, we will learn the vowels in Spanish. There are 5 basic sounds called vowels.
a	
e	
i	
o	
u	
	Now we will learn the other sounds, starting with the consonants l , m , n , s and t in combination with each of the vowels.
l + a = la	
m + e = me	
n + i = ni	
s + o = so	
t + u = tu	
	Let us learn a few Spanish words, using the letters we have learned so far
tenis	tennis
sol	sun
malo	bad
sultán	sultan
luna	moon
Ejercicio 1	<i>Exercise 1</i>
Leer en voz alta las siguientes palabras	<i>Read the following words out loud</i>
	Remember: In Spanish, we read and write from left to right.
santo	
salto	
muleta	
asilo	
mano	
	Now we will learn the consonants b , d , f , p and v in combination with each of the vowels.
b + a = ba	

d + e = de	
f + i = fi	
p + o = po	
v + u = vu	
	Let us learn a few Spanish words, using the letters we have learned so far
vino	wine
balón	balloon
pulso	pulse
fama	fame
demonio	demon
Ejercicio 2	<i>Exercise 2</i>
Leer en voz alta las siguientes palabras	<i>Read the following words out loud</i>
viento	
salmón	
pulido	
festival	
diablo	



Lección número 2	Lesson 2
Los sonidos del español	<i>The Sounds of Spanish (cont.)</i>
La letra ce	<i>The letter c</i>
	The letter c represents 2 different sounds.
	Let us learn how it sounds before the vowels a , o and u
c + a = ca	
c + o = co	
c + u = cu	
	It will sound the same before any of the consonants
club	
acné	
pacto	
	However, before the vowels e and i , the letter c will sound just like an s .
c + e = ce	
c + i = ci	
	This is true in most Spanish-speaking countries, but in some regions it may sound like the combination th in the English word thin .
	Let us learn a few Spanish words, using the letter c with those we have learned so far
cubano	Cuban
católico	catholic
club	club
loco	crazy
pacto	deal, agreement
	And now, a few Spanish words, using the letter c in both its sounds
ciclo	cycle
bicicleta	bicycle
cocina	kitchen
enciclopedia	encyclopedia
cena	dinner
Ejercicio 1	<i>Exercise 1</i>
Leer en voz alta las siguientes palabras	<i>Read the following words out loud</i>
calcetín	
bicicleta	

católico	
escala	
escopeta	
La letra erre	<i>The letter r</i>
	The letter r has 2 different sounds, one strong and one weak.
	It will sound strong at the beginning of the word
Roma	Rome
rubio	blond
respeto	respect
	But it will sound weak in the middle of the word or at its end
caro	expensive
verdadero	true
lector	reader
	A double r = rr in the middle of a word represents the strong sound
perro	dog
carretera	road, highway
Ejercicio 2	<i>Exercise 2</i>
Leer en voz alta las siguientes palabras	<i>Read the following words out loud</i>
romano	
carrera	
paracaídas	
mercado	
feria	



Lección número 3	Lesson 3
Los sonidos del español	<i>The Sounds of Spanish (cont.)</i>
La letra hache	<i>The letter h</i>
	The letter h has no sound whatsoever.
	Let us learn a few Spanish words with h
hotel	hotel
hospital	hospital
ahora	now
	However, in combination with the letter c , and always before a vowel, a particular sound is heard.
ch + a = cha	
ch + e = che	
ch + i = chi	
ch + o = cho	
ch + u = chu	
	Let us learn a few Spanish words with the combination ch
muchacho	boy
muchacha	girl
chau	bye, see you later
chuleta	chop, cutlet
chimenea	chimney
La letra ge	<i>The letter g</i>
	The letter g represents 2 different sounds.
	Let us learn how it sounds before the vowels a , o and u
g + a = ga	
g + o = go	
g + u = gu	
	It will sound the same before any of the consonants (usually l , n or r)
globo	globe, balloon
agricultor	farmer
signo	sign
	However, before the vowels e and i , the letter g has a different sound.
g + e = ge	
g + i = gi	

	Let us see a couple of examples
gitano	gypsy
agencia	agency
	Actually, this is the same sound of the letter j , only that this letter may appear before any of the vowels.
jabón	soap
ajo	garlic
juego	game
	By adding a silent u between g and the vowels e and i , the letter g will recover its original sound.
guitarra	guitar
guerra	war
Ejercicio 1	<i>Exercise 1</i>
Leer en voz alta las siguientes palabras	<i>Read the following words out loud</i>
hola	
tango	
muchacho	
global	
general	
agricultura	
hospital	
juego	
jirafa	
champú	