

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<b>A</b>	a	as in back	Casa	<b>LL</b>	elle	like <b>y</b> in year	Llamar
<b>E</b>	e	as in end	Leche			in southern LA like <b>sh</b> in shatter	Llamar
<b>I</b>	i	like <b>ee</b> in reed	Mira	<b>M</b>	eme	as in <b>m</b> other	Malo
<b>O</b>	o	as in cot	Ropa	<b>N</b>	ene	as in <b>n</b> ever	Nunca
<b>U</b>	u	like <b>oo</b> in cool	Lucha	<b>Ñ</b>	eñe	like <b>ny</b> in canyon	Niño
<b>B</b>	be	as in <b>b</b> eg	Bote	<b>P</b>	pe	as in <b>p</b> en	Pasa
<b>C</b>	ce	before <b>a, u, o</b> : as in car	Caro	<b>Q+U</b>	cu	like <b>k</b> in keel	Quien
		before <b>e, i</b> : in Spain like <b>th</b> in thick	Cien	<b>R</b>	erre	between vowels or at end of word as in rule	Pero / Pensar
		in *LA, C and SS like <b>s</b> in seven	Cien			at beginning of word rolled	Rosa
<b>D</b>	de	at start of word as in <b>d</b> entist	Día	<b>RR</b>	erre doble	rolled as in curry	Corre
		between vowels softer	Adiós	<b>S</b>	ese	as in soon	Cosa
		at end of word like <b>th</b> in <b>thin</b>	Madrid	<b>T</b>	te	as in <b>t</b> ent	Tomate
<b>F</b>	efe	as in <b>f</b> ew	Falta	<b>V</b>	uve	like <b>b</b> in <b>b</b> eg	Vista
<b>G</b>	ge	before <b>a, o, u</b> as in <b>g</b> ot	Gato	<b>W</b>	uve doble	like <b>v</b> in <b>v</b> iew or like <b>w</b> in kiwi	Watio/Kiwi
		before <b>e, i</b> like <b>ch</b> in <b>loch</b>	Gitano	<b>X</b>	equis	at beginning of word like <b>s</b>	Xilófono
<b>G+U</b>		before <b>e, i</b> like <b>g</b> in <b>g</b> ot	Guitarra			before a consonant like <b>s</b>	Extranjero
<b>H</b>	hache	always silent	Hombre			between vowels like <b>ks</b>	Taxi
<b>J</b>	jota	like <b>ch</b> in <b>loch</b>	Jamón			in some words like <b>ch</b> in <b>loch</b>	México / Texas
<b>K</b>	ka	as in <b>k</b> ick	Kilo	<b>Y</b>	i griega / ye	as in <b>y</b> es	Yo
<b>L</b>	ele	as in <b>l</b> ong	Largo	<b>Z</b>	zeta	in Spain like <b>th</b> as in <b>th</b> ick	Zapato
						in *LA, C and SS like <b>s</b> in seven	Zapato

\*NOTE: **LA, C and SS** means **L**atin **A**merica, **C**anary Islands and **S**outh **S**pain.

## WHERE TO PUT THE STRESS

In Spanish, stress in a word is a straightforward matter.

1. With words that end in a vowel, or –n or –s: on the syllable before the end
  - zapato, casas, recorre, melocotones.
2. With words that end with a consonant other than –n or –s: on the last syllable.
  - Madrid, español, Jerez.
3. If it comes elsewhere it must be marked with a written accent.
  - república, llegó, quizás, policía, estación, plátano.