The Letter l

Spanish **l** sounds quite different than the *l* of English; it is more tense. Mastering it will be a large step toward eliminating your English accent. Compare English *low*; Spanish **lo.**

Say:	**la**	the
	leche	milk
	color	color
	polvo	powder
	real	real, royal
	capital	capital
	lealtad	loyalty
	Peleliu	-island in Palau

The Letter ll

This letter has a number of pronunciations. The one generally considered "standard" for Latin American Spanish resembles English *y,* but is a bit tenser and more closed. Contrast: English *your*; Spanish **llorar.**

Say:	**llorar**	to cry, to weep
	llevar	to carry
	llamar	to call
	calle	street
	hallar	to find
	amarillo,-a	yellow

Another common version of the **ll** used in both Spain and Latin America sounds a lot like the *lli* of the English *million.* Let's say the same words using this **ll.** (Repeat above words.)

acogollar	to cover up
acuclillo	a squat

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