

The Letter I

Spanish I 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
	pólvο	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
a cuclillo a squat