

Las Vocales

a · e · i · o · u — siempre cortas, siempre claras



🕒 25 minutos

Spanish vowels are always pronounced — and almost always pronounced the same way. They are short and tense, never drawn out with a glide like English vowels often are. Today you'll train your ear and your mouth to hear and say all five clearly.

Quick Reference: How Each Vowel Sounds

Read through this once before starting. Each vowel keeps its color throughout this lesson — use it to spot patterns.

a

like the a in *father* — but short and tense.

hasta · nada · mañana

e

like the e in *they* — but without the i glide.

me · Elena · excelente



like the **i** in *machine* — but short and tense.

sí · permiso · Ibiza



like the **o** in *home* — but without the u glide.

yo · como · señor



like the **u** in *rule* — but short and tense.

uno · usted · Perú

¡OJO! — schwa

The "uh" sound in English words like canal, waited, atom does NOT exist in Spanish. Every vowel keeps its full, clear sound.

¡OJO! — y

The word "y" (and) is pronounced just like the letter i.

PRONUNCIATION DRILL

Exercise A — Palabras

Click and speak: click each word below, then say it aloud clearly. Keep the vowel short and tense — no gliding. Work through one color group at a time.



GRUPO 1

hasta

tal

nada

mañana



GRUPO 2

me

qué

Pérez

Elena

i

GRUPO 3

sí

señorita

permiso

terrible

o

GRUPO 4

yo

con

como

noches

u

GRUPO 5

uno

usted

tú

mucho

LISTENING

Exercise B — Escucha y escribe

Listen to the audio.

Write the vowel you hear in the blank.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

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Exercise C — Las Naciones

Here is part of a real rental car ad in Spanish.

Say aloud the names of the countries where you can find this company's offices. Try to keep every vowel short and clear — no English glide. Can you recognize all of the countries?



Si necesita un coche para su trabajo o placer, nosotros tenemos el adecuado para Vd.

Con una flota de 40.000 coches y 1.000 oficinas, estamos a su servicio en los siguientes países:

● ALEMANIA	● IRLANDA
● ARABIA SAUDITA	● ISLANDIA
● ARGENTINA	● ITALIA
● AUSTRIA	● JAMAICA
● BELGICA	● LUXEMBURGO
● BRASIL	● MALASIA
● CHIPRE	● MARRUECOS
● DINAMARCA	● MARTINICA
● ESPAÑA	● PARAGUAY
● FINLANDIA	● PORTUGAL
● FRANCIA	● SUECIA
● GRAN BRETAÑA	● SUIZA
● GRECIA	● URUGUAY
● HOLANDA	● U.S.A.

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Cuando esto no sea posible, su reserva le será confirmada en un plazo máximo de 48 horas.

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