

### Consonants

Most are pronounced roughly as in English. The main exceptions are as follows;

**C** is pronounced *ch* As in **cheese**

**G** is always hard As in **girl**

**H** is very soft Often not pronounced at the beginning/end of words, and between two vowels

**KH** from arabic words *ch* As in Scottish **loch**

**NG** is always soft As in **hanger**

**R** is always trilled As in Spanish

### Vowels

There are six vowels (a, e, é, i, o, u) and two diphthongs (ai, au):

**a** is short As in **father**.

**e** is the schwa sound. As in **about** or **but**.

**é** is written as *e* in common orthography. **é** sounds like **bed**.

**i** As in **green**.

**o** As in **for** in the middle of a syllable, and **go** and the end.

**u** As in **moon**.

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