PRONUNCIATION
Spanish pronunciation is relatively easy and anyway we don´t have to sound like Spanish native speakers. However, being familiarized with the way we pronounce some letters can help us to start building our confidence in this language!
How exciting!

A GUIDE TO SPANISH PRONUNCIATION

PLEASE PRONOUNCE

C:
before **a, u, o** as in **c**ar.
Ejemplos: casa, cuando, cuatro, correr. *House, when, four, run.*

before e**, i** as in **s**even.
Ejemplos: cien, circo, celebración. *A hundred, circus, celebration.*

G:
before **a, o, u** as in **g**ot.
Ejemplos: gato, gorra, guapo. *Cat, cap, handsome.*

before **e, i** like **ch** in lo**ch.**
Ejemplos: generoso, gigante. *Generous, gigant.*

GU:
before **e, i** like **g** in **g**ot.
Ejemplos: Guernica, guitarra. *Guernica, guitar.*

H: always **silent.**
Ejemplos: hombre, helado, hijo/a. *Man, ice cream, son/daughter.*

J:
like **h** in **h**ouse/**h**orse**.**
Ejemplos: jamón, jirafa, jota, jugar. *Ham, giraffe, letter j, to play.*

Ll: like **y** in **y**ear.
Ejemplos: calle, lluvia, llamar. *Street, rain, call.*

Ñ: like **ny** in ca**ny**on.
Ejemplos: niño, mañana, año. *Boy, tomorrow, year.*

QU: like **k** in **k**ilo.
Ejemplos: quien, quiero, queso. *Who, I want, cheese*.

R:
between vowels or end of words as in **r**ule.
Ejemplos: pero, pensar. *But, to think.*

Rolled as in cu**rr**y at the beginning of word.
Ejemplos: rosa, reír. *Rose, to laugh.*

RR: rolled as in cu**rr**y.
Ejemplos: correr, perro. To run, dog

X:
always like **s**
Ejemplo: xilófono. *Xylophone.*

except between vowels, which is **ks.**
Ejemplo: taxi. *Taxi.*