

Phonetic Codes for Spanish

Lexical stress and pacing

Lexical Stress	Description
1	Indicates primary word stress
?	Glottal stop - Separates two words when the second word starts with a stressed vowel
-	Generates a small pause

Phonetics Codes for Spanish: Consonants

Sound	Code for the sound	Example
pala	p	p a1 l a
tela	t	t e1 l a
cala	k	k a1 l a
bala	b	b a1 l a
dama	d	d a1 m a
gala	g	g a1 l a
mata	m	m a1 t a
nata	n	n a1 t a
ñapa	J	J a1 p a
fama	f	f a1 m a
chica	tS	tS i1 k a
cero	T	T e1 r o
sala	s	s a1 l a
pero	r	p e1 r o
perro	rr	p e1 r r o
jamón	x	x a m o1 n
lama	l	l a1 m a
llama	L	L a1 m a
ayer	jj	a j j e1 r
cuento	w	k w e1 n t o

Phonetics Codes for Spanish: Vowels

Sound	Code for the sound	Example
ala	a	a1 l a
eje	e	e1 x e
vivir	i	b i B i1 r
ojo	o	o1 x o
tul	u	t u1 l

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Sound	Code for the sound	Example	Comment
miedo	j	m j e1 D o	In diphthongs
aba	B	a1 B a	Fricative/Approximant/b/
ada	D	a1 D a	Fricative/Approximant/d/
aga	G	a1 G a	Fricative/Approximant/g/
cónyuge / John	dZ	k 01 n dZ u x e dZ o1 n	initial and after nasal, even for English words
huella / Washinton	W	W e1 L a W a1 S i n t o n	approximant, even for English words
shop	S	S o1 p	English words
happy	h	h a1 p i	English words