



How to Pronounce the Letter A in Spanish

In Spanish it is pronounced as “ah.” It actually sounds very similar to the way you pronounce the A in the English words “far” or “father.”

Here are a few common words that include the A in Spanish:

- El Agua (Water)
- Aquí (Here)
- El amigo (Friend)
- Ahora (Now)
- Antes (Before)

A few Common Mistakes to avoid...

Now let’s review a few common mistakes English speakers often make when they are just getting started with Spanish.

This is useful because you will become aware of these tendencies, so you can spot them as they show up when you’re speaking Spanish, and gradually phase them out with practice.

There is no need to worry about making these common mistakes, because almost everyone makes them. If you find yourself making any of these mistakes, it only means you are a perfectly normal human being who is making progress and learning Spanish. So don’t even worry about it.

Instead of seeing them as mistakes, I suggest you see them as a path that everyone goes through at some point. See them as small challenges you are in the process of overcoming.

If you notice them, it only means you’re actually practicing and getting better every minute you do it. Remember, speaking Spanish is a skill, just like swimming or riding a bicycle. It’s not hard, it’s just a matter of practice.



Pay attention to the A in Spanish...

So, one common tendency of native English speakers, is to pronounce the A in Spanish using a sound that sounds a little like “eh” instead of “ah” because they are used to the English pronunciation of the A.

However, It is important that you pronounce it as “ah” because the English pronunciation that sounds like “eh”, actually resembles the pronunciation of a different vowel in Spanish, the vowel E, and this can be confusing for Spanish speakers who are trying to understand what you're saying.

I don't want to confuse you here between A and E, what you need to remember is that the letter A in Spanish is pronounced “ah” and other pronunciations can be confusing for native Spanish speakers.

An easy way to make sure you remember the right pronunciation, is to imagine yourself visiting an Amish Mexican Dentist, and imagine this tall and funny Amish Mexican Dentist asking you to open your mouth and say “AAAH”

Just imagine this: “The Amish Mexican Dentist says AAAH”

This unusual mental image of an Amish Mexican Dentist, asking you to say “AAAH” will help you remember how to pronounce the A, which is the first letter in the word “Amish”, and it is pronounced “Ah” in Spanish.