

# The English-Spanish Connection

## The Consonants of English

English consonant sounds may be heard in initial, medial, and final positions in words as illustrated by the following list. The sounds that are not found in Spanish are marked in red.

<u>Not in Spanish</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Medial</u>	<u>Final</u>
Bb	bat	baby	<u>cab</u>
Cc/k/	cat     kite	walking	take
Dd	<u>dog</u>	<u>Daddy</u>	<u>bed</u>
Ff	fence	puffy	<u>if</u>
G/g/	goat	buggy	<u>dog</u>
Hh*	<u>hop</u>	<u>aha</u>	---
Jj	<u>just</u>	<u>gadget</u>	<u>edge</u>
Ll	like	yellow	ball
Mm	man	mama	<u>Mom</u> *
Nn	no	money	run
Pp	pin	puppy	<u>up</u>
Rr	<u>rose</u>	<u>carry</u>	<u>far</u>
Ss	soup	faster	chase
Tt	ten	butter	<u>not</u>
Vv	<u>very</u>	<u>even</u>	<u>five</u>
Ww	wagon	away	---
Xx	---	exit	<u>fix</u>
Yy	yard	beyond	---
Zz	<u>zero</u>	<u>puzzle</u>	<u>fuzz</u>
ng	---	<u>singing</u>	<u>king</u>
th	<u>the</u>	<u>other</u>	<u>bath</u>
th	<u>think</u>	<u>bathtub</u>	<u>tooth</u>
zh	---	<u>measure</u>	<u>mirage</u>
sh	<u>Sheep</u> <u>chef</u>	<u>dishes</u>	<u>fish</u>
ch	church	matches	<u>Touch</u>

\* /h/ is represented by the letter *j* in Spanish.

\*\* Except álbum

## Perception and Transfer

A comparison of Spanish sounds that students can use in listening for English sounds are these:

### Vowels

<u>English</u>	<u>Spanish</u>
a - play	ley
e - feet	isla
i - five	¡ay!
o - home	rosa
u - rule	uvas

The short vowels in English are **new sounds** to be learned and practiced.

a - hat  
i - hit  
o - hot  
u - up



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