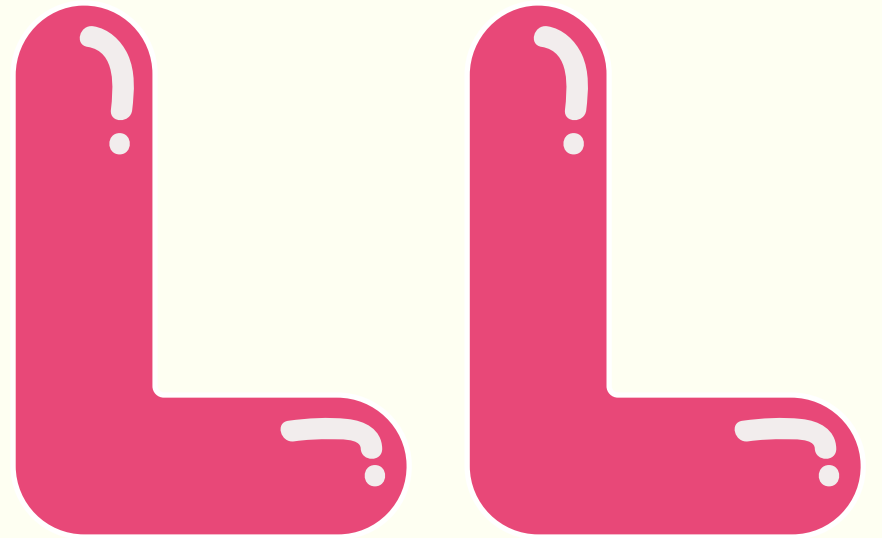


**DOUBLE L SPANISH**  
**SOUND HOW TO**  
**PRONOUNCE LL**  
**IN SPANISH**



# HOW TO PRONOUNCE **LL** IN SPANISH

For the most part, the ll pronunciation is close to the English 'j', and sometimes 'y' sounds.

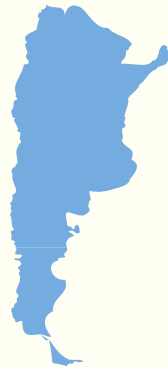
Here is how the Spanish vowels sound when working with the double ll (lla, lle, lli, llo, llu):

Spanish word	Sounds like
Llamar (call)	<u>J</u> am
Ella (she/her)	<u>J</u> anet
Ballena (whale)	<u>Y</u> ellow
Pollo (chicken)	<u>J</u> ob
Lluvia (rain)	<u>Y</u> usef

# DOUBLE LL SOUND VARIATIONS

## RIOPLATENSE SPANISH

In this dialect (Argentina & Uruguay), the Spanish ll sounds like a 'sh' -



Llave - Shhave

Cabllo - Cabsho

Lluvioso - Shhuvioso

## CENTRAL AMERICA

Sounds like if you combined the Spanish 'i' with another vowel in other Central American Countries.



Llama - lama

Calle - Caie

Pollo - Poio

# SPANISH WORDS THAT START WITH LL

## VERBS

**Lllamar** - *To call*

**Lllegar** - *To arrive*

**Lllenar** - *To fill*

**Lllevar** - *To take*

**Lllorar** - *To cry*

**Lllover** - *To rain*

## NOUNS & ADJECTIVES

**Llama** - *Flame / Lama*

**Llamada** - *Call*

**Llanta** - *Tire*

**Llave** - *Key*

**Lleno** - *Full*

**Llorón** - *Weepy*

**Lluvia** - *Rain*



# SPANISH WORDS THAT START WITH LL

**Allá** - *There*

**Calle** - *Street*

**Grillo** - *Cricket*

**Ballena** - *Whale*

**Cebolla** - *Onion*

**Pastilla** - *Pill*

**Bello** - *Beautiful*

**Cuello** - *Neck*

**Pollo** - *Chicken*

**Brillante** - *Shiny*

**Ella** - *She / Her*

**Rodilla** - *Knee*

**Caballo** - *Horse*

**Falla** - *Fault*

**Silla** - *Chair*

**Cabello** - *Hair*

**Gallina** - *Hen*

**Sillón** - *Armchair*

**Gallo** - *Rooster*

# KEY POINTS: DOUBLE L SPANISH SOUND

- The double l is also called elle.
- Ll is not a letter in the alphabet because it's a digraph.
- The double ll sounds exactly like the letter y in Spanish. This is called yeísmo, and it's the most standard way to pronounce this sound.
- The Spanish ll sounds close to the English letters 'j' and 'y'.
- In Argentina and Uruguay, the double l has a 'sh' sound (like sharp, Shonda, shed).

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