

**H IN SPANISH:**  
**PRONUNCIATION,**  
**SPELLING TIPS &**  
**VOCABULARY**



# HOW TO PRONOUNCE H IN SPANISH

For the most part, the letter h in Spanish is mute. In simple words, it doesn't have any sound, regardless of whether it's placed at the beginning or middle of the word.

Spanish word	Pronounced as
Hacer	Acer
Helado	Elado
Hijo	Ijo
Ahora	A-ora
Hunos	Unos

# HOW TO PRONOUNCE CH IN SPANISH

The Spanish 'ch', called la che, is very similar to the 'ch' sound in English. The only difference is that, in Spanish, this sound is sharper and stronger.

Spanish word	Sounds like
Chancla (flip flop)	Challenge
Ache (letter h)	Chest
Chiste (joke)	Chip
Pecho (chest)	Chop
Chuleta (chop)	Choose

# SPANISH WORDS WITH H: SPELLING TIPS

## KEY POINTS

- All the forms of verbs starting with 'h' (such as hacer and haber) are spelled with h.
- Use 'h' with words that start with the diphthongs 'ia', 'ie', 'ue', and 'ui' (hueso, hielo).
- Words that start with 'histo', 'hosp', 'horm', 'holg', 'herm', 'hern' must always be written with 'h' (hermoso, holgazán).



Él hace muchas bromas.  
He makes a lot of jokes.

# SPANISH WORDS THAT CONTAIN H

**Ahí** - *There*

**Ahora** - *Now*

**Alcohol** - *Alcohol*

**Cacahuete** - *Peanut*

**Champiñón** - *Mushroom*

**Chico** - *Small / Boy / Kid*

**Haber** - *To have*

**Hacer** - *To do / To make*

**Hambre** - *Hunger*

**Hasta** - *Until*

**Hay** - *There is / There are*

**Helado** - *Ice cream*

**Herir** - *To hurt*

**Hermano** - *Brother*

**Hielo** - *Ice*

**Hiena** - *Hyena*

**Hijo** - *Son*

**Hinchado** - *Swollen*

**Historia** - *History*

**Hipócrita** - *Hypocrite*

**Hola** - *Hi*

**Hombre** - *Man*

**Honesto** - *Honest*

**Hora** - *Hour / Time*

**Hornear** - *To bake*

**Hospital** - *Hospital*

**Hoy** - *Today*

**Hueso** - *Bone*

**Humedad** - *Humidity*

**Humilde** - *Humble*

**Humillar** - *To humiliate*

**Mucho** - *Much / A lot*

**Noche** - *Night*

# KEY POINTS: PRONOUNCE H IN SPANISH

- Typically, the h in Spanish is mute.
- For the most part, you must only pronounce the vowels that follow this letter.
- The letter h in Spanish is used for spelling purposes.
- With some words, the absence or presence of the 'h' helps you distinguish between two different words (ola vs hola).
- The h is not mute when preceded by the letter C.
- In Spanish, 'ch' sounds sharper and stronger than the English 'ch'.
- English words that have been incorporated into Spanish keep the English pronunciation (Hawai, hockey).

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