



PHONETICS

1. The English Alphabet

Aa [er]	Bb [bi:]	Cc [si:]	Dd [di:]
Ee [i:]	Ff [ef]	Gg [dʒi:]	Hh [ɛtʃ]
Ii [aɪ]	Jj [dʒeɪ]	Kk [keɪ]	Ll [el]
Mm [em]	Nn [en]	Oo [əu]	Pp [pi:]
Qq [kju:]	Rr [a:]	Ss [es]	Tt [ti:]
Uu [ju:]	Vv [vi:]	Ww [ˈdʌblju]	Xx [eks]
	Yy [waɪ]	Zz [zed]	

The English alphabet is made up of **26 letters**. Each letter is associated with at least one **sound**. Like in Italian, in the English alphabet there are **5 vowels**. The “Y” is considered a **semivowel**. The remaining **20 letters** are all **consonants**.

2. Spelling

Spelling in English is concerned with the way words are **written**. Doing the spelling of an English word means saying all the letters that make up this word.

If you make a spelling error, it means you have misspelled a word.

3. Pronunciation

Pronunciation has got to do with **sounds**. In English we usually distinguish between **vowel** and **consonant** sounds. One letter does not always correspond to one sound.

Do the spelling of the following words, then listen to your teacher pronouncing them and circle the sounds you hear. Use different colours.

Rush

Three

Just

Better

Fabulous

Young

Paste

Scissors

Cinderella

Ultimate

Ghost

Oxygen

Australian

Queue

Key

Wonderful

Gentlemen

Curvy

Bow

Sister