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Table of consonant phonemes of Spanish

| | Bilabial | | Labio-Dental | Dental | | Alveolar | Post-Alveolar | Palatal | Velar | |
|--------------|----------|---|--------------|--------|---|----------|---------------|---------|-------|---|
| Plosives | p | b | | t | d | | | | k | g |
| Nasals | m | | | n | | | | ɲ | | |
| Fricatives | | | f | θ | s | | | ç | x | |
| Affricates | | | | | | | tʃ | | | |
| Approximants | | | | | | | | j | | |
| Trills | | | | | | r | | | | |
| Taps | | | | | | r | | | | |
| Laterals | | | | | | l | | ʎ | | |

Vowels and semivowels

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| Phoneme | Sound | Spelling | Allophones |
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| Vowels | | | |
| /a/ | open central unrounded vowel | "a", "á" | The main realization is [ä]. In Andalusia, final /as/ becomes [a]. |
| /e/ | close-mid front unrounded vowel | "e", "é" | The main realization is [e̞]. In Andalusia final /es/ becomes [ɛ]. |
| /i/ | close front unrounded vowel | "i", "í"; "y" | The main realization is [i]. See also /j/ below. In Andalusia final /is/ becomes [i]. |
| /o/ | close-mid back rounded vowel | "o", "ó" | The main realization is [o̞]. In Andalusia final /os/ becomes [ɔ]. |
| /u/ | close back rounded vowel | "u", "ú"; "ü" | The main realization is [u]. See also /w/ below. In Andalusia, final /us/ becomes [ʊ]. |
| Semivowels and/or Semiconsonants | | | |
| /j/ | palatal approximant | "y" (<i>muy</i>), "i" (<i>pieza</i> , <i>hierba</i> , <i>hierro</i>) | It can be considered an allophone of /i/ in the syllable onset; <i>mi amigo</i> : [mja'miuɔ], <i>piema</i> : [ˈpjema] |
| /w/ | labio-velar approximant | "u" (<i>cuatro</i> , <i>guardia</i>), "ü" (<i>agüero</i>), but <i>destruir</i> : /destru'ir/, not /des'truir/. | It can be considered an allophone of /u/ in the syllable onset; <i>tu amigo</i> : [ˈtwa'miuɔ], <i>cuanto</i> : [ˈkwanto]. |