

Pronouncing the sounds of the Welsh Alphabet

A — Pronounced like “**ah**” (as in *father*)

B — Pronounced like “**b**” in *bat*

C — Pronounced like “**k**” in *cat* (always hard, never “s”)

Ch — Pronounced like the Scottish “loch” or German “Bach” — a rough, throat sound like “**kh**”

D — Pronounced like “**d**” in *dog*

Dd — Pronounced like “**th**” in *this* (voiced “th” sound)

E — Pronounced like “**eh**” (as in *bed*)

F — Pronounced like “**v**” in *van*

FF — Pronounced like “**f**” in *fun* (this is the normal “f” sound)

G — Pronounced like “**g**” in *go* (always hard, never soft)

Ng — Pronounced like “**ng**” in *sing* (the sound at the end of *sing*)

H — Pronounced like “**h**” in *hat*

I — Pronounced like “**ee**” in *see*

L — Pronounced like “**l**” in *let*

LI — A tricky sound! Put your tongue as if to say “l,” then blow air gently around the sides of your tongue. It’s like a soft, hissy “hl” sound.

M — Pronounced like “**m**” in *man*

N — Pronounced like “**n**” in *net*

O — Pronounced like “**o**” in *or* (short and round)

P — Pronounced like “**p**” in *pat*

Ph — Pronounced like “**f**” in *fun* (same as FF)

R — Pronounced with a light roll or tap, like the Spanish “r” in *pero*

Rh — Like a rolled “r” but with a strong puff of air before it, like blowing out a candle gently while rolling the “r”

S — Pronounced like “**s**” in *sun*

T — Pronounced like “**t**” in *top*

Th — Pronounced like “**th**” in *think* (unvoiced “th”)

U — Pronounced like “**ee**” in *see* (in North Wales) or like “**i**” in *bit* (in South Wales) — but you can say “ee” to be safe

W — Pronounced like “**oo**” in *food* or like “**oo**” in *book* depending on the word

Y — Pronounced like “**uh**” in *fun* (in short syllables), or like “**ee**” in *happy* (in long syllables)



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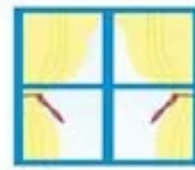
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