**Pronunciation Guide**

Letter of the Alphabet ------------ Phonetic pronunciation

Vowels

A -------------- ah

E -------------- aye

I --------------- ee

O -------------- oh

U -------------- oo

Consonants

(For this guide the consonant is only listed if the Spanish pronunciation is different from the English)

B/V --- are both a mix of the English B and V sounds

C ----- soft C is like the English S Sound if before e or i, hard C is like the English K sound if before a, o, u, or consonant

D ----- mix between a TH and D sound

G ----- soft G is like the English H sound if before e or i, hard G is the same as in English if before a, o, u, or consonant

H ----- is always silent

J ----- is like the English H sound

LL ---- is like the English Y Sound

Q ---- is like the English K sound, vowels that follow Q are always silent

Z ---- is like the English S sound

Vowel Combinations

ei --------------- ay (for example, aceite is pronounced ah-say-tay)

ua -------------- wah (for example, cuando is pronounced kwan-doh)

ue -------------- way (for example, escuela is pronounced S-kway-lah)

ui --------------- wee (for example, suiza is pronounced swee-sah)

Vowel/Consonant combinations

el ---------------- L

en --------------- N

er --------------- air

ess -------------- S

ir ---------------- eer (rhymes with deer)

om -------------- ohm

or --------------- or (rhymes with for)

oy --------------- oy (rhymes with toy)

Examples

Garganta --------------- gahr-gahn-tah

Me -------------------- may

Libro ------------------ lee-broh

Hombro ---------------- ohm-broh

Cintura ---------------- seen-too-rah

Cuidado --------------- kwee-dah-doh

Pierna ----------------- pee-air-nah

Vivir ------------------ bee-beer

Por ------------------- por

Voy ------------------- boy