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¡Hola, letras!

My first Spanish alphabet · Latin America



27
LETTERS

4-8
YEARS

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GIFT



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For moms, dads and teachers

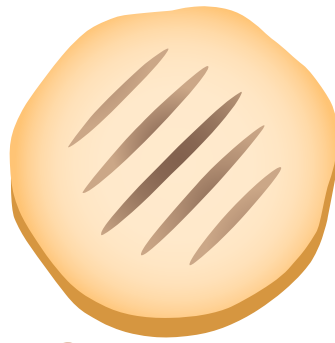
This book helps children aged 4 to 8 learn the letters of **Spanish** with words, foods, animals and places from Latin America. The Spanish alphabet has **27 letters**: the same as English plus the Ñ.

How to use it (10 minutes a day):

1. **Look and say:** look at the picture and say the Spanish word out loud. The translation is underneath.
2. **Letter sound:** read the “Sound” tip. It explains how the letter sounds in Spanish, compared with English.
3. **Syllables:** read them slowly, with a finger under each one.
4. **The sentence:** you read the Spanish sentence and your child repeats it. The colored word is the same in both languages.
5. **Trace and write:** your child traces the dotted letter with a finger, then with a pencil, and writes it on the lines.

At the end there are letters that go together (ch, ll, rr), the whole alphabet and a diploma to celebrate.

Tip: one letter a day is enough. What matters is that reading feels like a game, not homework. Celebrate every step!



Arepa

arepa (corn bread)

 **Sound:** Always like the a in “father”.

a

e

i

o

u

Ana come una **arepa**.

Ana eats an **arepa**.

A A A a a a a

avión · airplane

agua · water

app · app



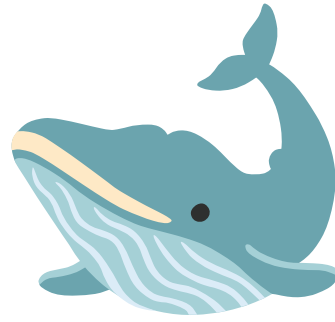
¿Sabías que...?

La **arepa** es un pan de **maíz** de Venezuela y Colombia.



Did you know?

The **arepa** is a **corn** bread from Venezuela and Colombia.



Ballena

whale

 **Sound:** Like b in “boy”. B and V sound the same in Spanish.

ba

be

bi

bo

bu

La **ballena** nada en el **mar**.

The **whale** swims in the **sea**.



bus · bus

bebé · baby

batería · battery



¿Sabías que...?

En la **Patagonia** se ven **ballenas** desde la orilla.



Did you know?

In **Patagonia** you can see **whales** from the shore.



Cacao

cacao

 **Sound:** Before a, o, u: like k. Before e, i: like s.

ca

co

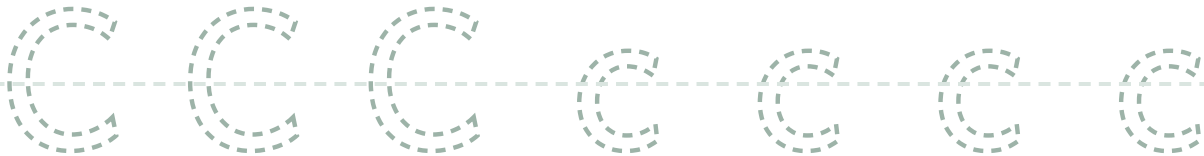
cu

ce

ci

El chocolate se hace con **cacao**.

Chocolate is made from **cacao**.



casa · house

cielo · sky

celular · cell phone



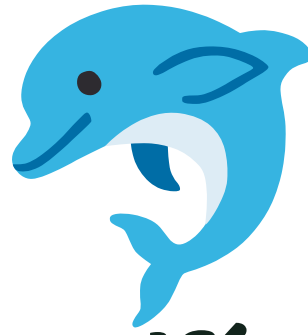
¿Sabías que...?

Los mayas y los aztecas tomaban **cacao** hace **muchísimos años**.



Did you know?

The Maya and the Aztecs drank **cacao** **a very long time ago**.



Delfín

dolphin



Sound: Like d in “dog”, softer between vowels.

da

de

di

do

du

El **delfín** salta en el **río**.

The **dolphin** jumps in the **river**.



dado · dice

dedo · finger

dibujo · drawing



¿Sabías que...?

En el río Amazonas viven **delfines** de color **rosado**.



Did you know?

Pink dolphins live in the Amazon River.



Empanada

empanada (stuffed pastry)



Sound: Like e in “bed”.

a

e

i

o

u

Ema come una **empanada**.

Ema eats an **empanada**.

E E E

e e e

estrella · star

elefante · elephant

emoji · emoji



¿Sabías que...?

Las **empanadas** se comen en casi toda **Latinoamérica**.



Did you know?

People eat **empanadas** in almost all of **Latin America**.



Fútbol

soccer

 **Sound:** Like f in “fun”.

fa

fe

fi

fo

fu

Felipe juega al **fútbol**.

Felipe plays **soccer**.



foca · seal

fresa · strawberry

foto · photo



¿Sabías que...?

Uruguay ganó el primer **Mundial** de fútbol, en **1930**.



Did you know?

Uruguay won the first soccer **World Cup**, in **1930**.



Guacamaya

macaw

 **Sound:** Before a, o, u: like g in “go”. Before e, i: like a strong h.

ga

go

gu

ge

gi

La **guacamaya** tiene muchos **colores**.

The **macaw** has many **colors**.



gato · cat

gorra · cap

globo · balloon



¿Sabías que...?

Las **guacamayas** viven en las **selvas** de América.



Did you know?

Macaws live in the **rainforests** of the Americas.



Helado

ice cream



Sound: Silent! Never say it: helado = “elado”.

ha

he

hi

ho

hu

Hugo toma un **helado** de **mango**.

Hugo has a **mango** ice cream.

H H H h h h h

hoja · leaf

huevo · egg

hora · hour



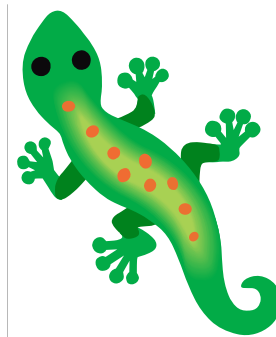
¿Sabías que...?

La **hache** no suena: ¡es una letra **calladita**!



Did you know?

The **H** makes no sound: it is a **very quiet** letter!



Iguana

iguana



Sound: Like ee in "see".

a

e

i

o

u

La **iguana** toma **sol** en la piedra.

The **iguana** **sunbathes** on the rock.

i

i

i

i

i

i

i

isla · island

iglesia · church

internet · internet



¿Sabías que...?

En las islas **Galápagos** hay **iguanas** que nadan en el mar.



Did you know?

In the **Galápagos** Islands there are **iguanas** that swim in the sea.



Jaguar

jaguar

 **Sound:** Like a strong h, from the throat.

ja

je

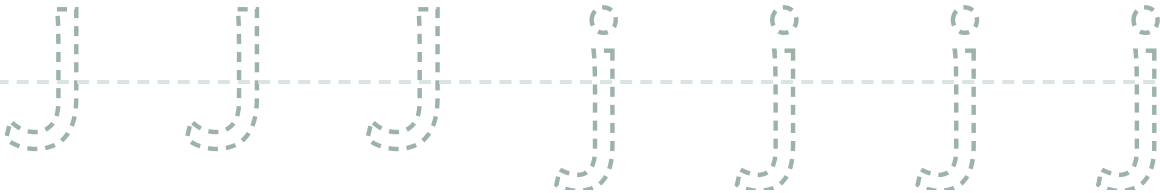
ji

jo

ju

El **jaguar** corre en la **selva**.

The **jaguar** runs in the **jungle**.



jugo · juice

juguete · toy

jirafa · giraffe



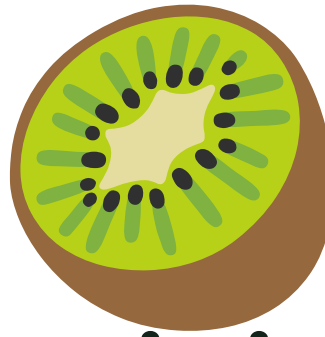
¿Sabías que...?

El **jaguar** es el gato **más grande** de América.



Did you know?

The **jaguar** is the **biggest** cat in the Americas.



Kiwi

kiwi

 **Sound:** Like k in “kite”.

ka

ke

ki

ko

ku

Karla come un **kiwi verde**.

Karla eats a **green kiwi**.



kilo · kilo

koala · koala

karate · karate



¿Sabías que...?

La **K** se usa poco en español: **kilo**,
kiwi y karate.



Did you know?

The **K** is rare in Spanish: **kilo**,
kiwi and karate.



Limón

lime

 **Sound:** Like l in “lemon”.

la

le

li

lo

lu

Lola hace jugo de **limón**.

Lola makes **lime** juice.



luna · moon

libro · book

lápiz · pencil



¿Sabías que...?

En Perú, el **ceviche** se prepara con jugo de **limón**.



Did you know?

In Peru, **ceviche** is made with **lime** juice.



Mango

mango

 **Sound:** Like m in “mom”.

ma

me

mi

mo

mu

Mi mamá me da un **mango**.

My mom gives me a **mango**.

M M M M m m m m

mamá · mom

mesa · table

mensaje · message



¿Sabías que...?

En muchos patios de
Latinoamérica crecen **árboles** de
mango.



Did you know?

Mango trees grow in many Latin
American backyards.



Nube

cloud

 **Sound:** Like n in “no”.

na

ne

ni

no

nu

La **nube** es **blanca** y suave.

The **cloud** is **white** and soft.

N N N n n n n

nido · nest

nariz · nose

número · number



¿Sabías que...?

En los **Andes** hay montañas tan altas que llegan a las **nubes**.



Did you know?

In the **Andes** some mountains are so high they reach the **clouds**.



Piña

pineapple

 **Sound:** Like ny in “canyon”.

ña

ñe

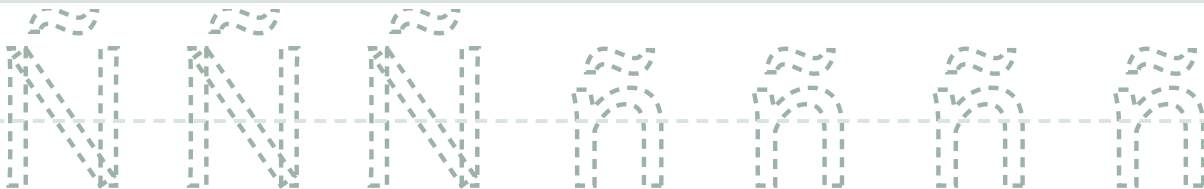
ñi

ño

ñu

El **niño** come **piña**.

The **boy** eats **pineapple**.



ñandú · rhea (a big bird)

montaña · mountain

araña · spider



¿Sabías que...?

La **Ñ** está en el nombre de nuestro idioma: **español**.



Did you know?

The **Ñ** is in the name of the language: **español**.



Oso

bear



Sound: Like o in “or”, short.

a

e

i

o

u

El **oso** duerme en la **cueva**.

The **bear** sleeps in the **cave**.



ojo · eye

ola · wave

oreja · ear



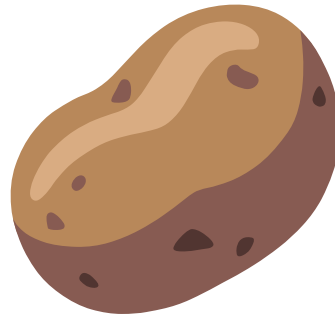
¿Sabías que...?

El **oso** de anteojos vive en los **Andes**.



Did you know?

The spectacled **bear** lives in the **Andes**.



Papa

potato



Sound: Like p in “spin”, without a puff of air.

pa

pe

pi

po

pu

Papá cocina **papas**.

Dad cooks **potatoes**.



pato · duck

perro · dog

pantalla · screen



¿Sabías que...?

La **papa** nació en los **Andes** del Perú.



Did you know?

The **potato** comes from the **Andes** of Peru.



Queso

cheese



Sound: Always que or qui, and the u is silent: que = “ke”.

que

qui

Quique come **queso** con **pan**.

Quique eats **cheese** with **bread**.

Q

Q

Q

q

q

q

q

quince · fifteen

quena · Andean flute

quetzal · quetzal (a bird)



¿Sabías que...?

La **quena** es una **flauta** de los Andes.



Did you know?

The **quena** is a **flute** from the Andes.



Rana

frog

 **Sound:** A quick tap of the tongue. At the start of a word it rolls: rrrana!

ra

re

ri

ro

ru

La **rana** salta en la **laguna**.

The **frog** jumps in the **pond**.

R R R r r r r

ratón · mouse

río · river

reciclar · to recycle



¿Sabías que...?

El **coquí** es una **ranita** de Puerto Rico que canta de noche.



Did you know?

The **coquí** is a **little frog** from Puerto Rico that sings at night.



sun

 **Sound:** Like s in “sun”.

sa

se

si

so

su

El **sol** sale por la **mañana**.

The **sun** rises in the **morning**.



sapo · toad

silla · chair

selfi · selfie



¿Sabías que...?

Los incas llamaban al **sol** **Inti**.



Did you know?

The Incas called the **sun** **Inti**.



Tortuga

turtle



Sound: Like t in “stop”, soft.

ta

te

ti

to

tu

La **tortuga** camina **despacio**.

The **turtle** walks **slowly**.



taza · cup

tomate · tomato

tableta · tablet



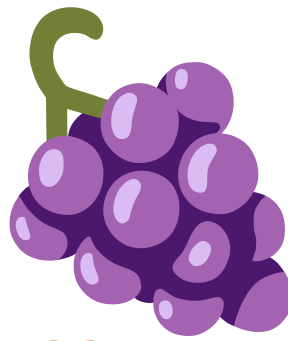
¿Sabías que...?

En las islas Galápagos viven **tortugas gigantes**.



Did you know?

Giant tortoises live in the Galápagos Islands.



Uvas

grapes

 **Sound:** Like oo in “moon”.

a

e

i

o

u

Úrsula come **uvas** moradas.

Úrsula eats **purple** grapes.



uno · one

uña · nail

universo · universe



¿Sabías que...?

En Chile y Argentina se cultivan muchas **uvas**.



Did you know?

Chile and Argentina grow lots of **grapes**.



volcano

 **Sound:** Same sound as B, with both lips.

va

ve

vi

vo

vu

El **volcán** es muy **alto**.

The **volcano** is very **tall**.



vaca · cow

vela · candle

video · video



¿Sabías que...?

Centroamérica tiene muchísimos
volcanes.



Did you know?

Central America has lots of
volcanoes.



wifi

wifi



Sound: Like w in “water”.

wa

we

wi

wo

wu

Hay **wifi** en mi **casa**.

There is **wifi** in my **house**.



wafle · waffle

web · web

wasap · WhatsApp message



¿Sabías que...?

La **W** casi siempre está en palabras de **otros idiomas**.



Did you know?

The **W** is almost always in words from **other languages**.



taxi

 **Sound:** Like ks in “taxi”. In México, like a strong h.

xa

xe

xi

xo

xu

El **taxi** es **amarillo**.

The **taxi** is **yellow**.



éxito · success

examen · exam

México · Mexico



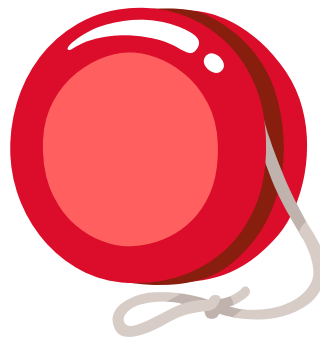
¿Sabías que...?

En **México**, la X suena como **J**.



Did you know?

In **México**, the X sounds like a Spanish **J**.



Yoyo

yo-yo

 **Sound:** Like y in “yes”.

ya

ye

yi

yo

yu

Yolanda juega con el **yoyo**.

Yolanda plays with the **yo-yo**.



yuca · cassava

yate · yacht

yogur · yogurt



¿Sabías que...?

La **yuca** es una **raíz** que se come en el Caribe y Sudamérica.



Did you know?

Yuca (cassava) is a **root** eaten in the Caribbean and South America.



Zorro

fox



Sound: In Latin America, like s.

za

zo

zu

ce

ci

El **zorro** vive en el **bosque**.

The **fox** lives in the **forest**.



zapato · shoe

zanahoria · carrot

zoom · zoom



¿Sabías que...?

El **zorro** culpeo vive en la cordillera de los **Andes**.



Did you know?

The culpeo **fox** lives in the **Andes** mountains.

Letters that go together

Some letters join and make a new sound. Read them out loud!

ch



chocolate ·
chancho

chocolate · pig
like ch in "cheese"

ll



llama · lluvia

llama · rain
like y in "yes"

rr



perro · carro

dog · car
a rolled r: rrrr!

My whole alphabet

Point to each letter and say its Spanish word. Do you remember them all?

Aa



Arepa
arepa

Bb



Ballena
whale

Cc



Cacao
cacao

Dd



Delfín
dolphin

Ee



Empanada
empanada

Ff



Fútbol
soccer

Gg



Guacamaya
macaw

Hh



Helado
ice cream

Ii



Iguana
iguana

Jj



Jaguar
jaguar

Kk



Kiwi
kiwi

Ll



Limón
lime

Mm



Mango
mango

Nn



Nube
cloud

Ññ



Piña
pineapple

Oo



Oso
bear

Pp



Papa
potato

Qq



Queso
cheese

Rr



Rana
frog

Ss



Sol
sun

Tt



Tortuga
turtle

Uu



Uvas
grapes

Vv



Volcán
volcano

Ww



Wifi
wifi

Xx



Taxi
taxi

Yy



Yoyo
yo-yo

Zz



Zorro
fox



¡Ya conozco las letras!

I know my letters!

This diploma is for

for learning the 27 letters of the Spanish alphabet.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

