

Pronouncing Italian

Italian vowels

Vowel	Sounds Like
A	Ah
E	Ay
I	Ee
O	Oh
U	Oo

Italian Diphthongs

Example	Sounds Like
I before for example ù	Y as in yet
U before for example o	W as in wet

Italian Consonants

Consonant	Sounds Like
C (followed by I or E)	Ch as in chip
G (followed by I or E)	J as in jello
Ch	K as in key
Gh	G as in get
Sch	Sc as in scatter
Sc (followed by I or E)	Sh as in shelter
Gn	N as in onion
Gli	L as in million

Italian Syllabication and Double Consonants

You will find more often than not that syllables in Italian are divided as follows:
Sono (So_no) Sette (Set_te) Perche (Per_che)

When you see double consonants, pronounce both as follows:
Otto (sounds like Oht-toh)