

Pronunciation of the Names of the Characters in the German Alphabet (for speakers of English)

<i>German Character</i>	<i>Approximate Pronunciation (Read the sounds in this column based on English pronunciation.)</i>	
A a	awe	
Ä ä	eh	The sound of this letter, somewhere between <i>bat</i> & <i>head</i> , does not exist in English.
B b	bay	
C c	tsay	
D d	day	
E e	ay	
F f	eff	
G g	gay	
H h	haw	Sounds like the <i>hab</i> in laughter. <i>Hab, hab, hab.</i>
I i	ee	
J j	yote	
K k	kaw	
L l	ell	
M m	em	
N n	en	
O o	oh	
Ö ö	ay	Pronounce this sound with rounded lips. It does not exist in English.
P p	pay	
Q q	coo	
R r	ay-uh	There is no r sound in German as we know it in English.
S s	ess	
ß	ess-tsett	This letter is only ever lower case. It never occurs at the beginning of a word.
T t	tay	
U u	oo	
Ü ü	ee	Pronounce this sound with rounded lips. It does not exist in English.
V v	fow	Rhymes with <i>cow, house, now.</i>
W w	vay	
X x	icks	
Y y	ee-psilon	Pronounce the <i>ee</i> with rounded lips, the same as <i>ü</i> .
Z z	tsett	