

Das Detusche Alphabet

Letter	Pronounced in Alphabet	Special Pronunciation	Letter	Pronounced in Alphabet	Special Pronunciation
a	ah		n	enn	
b	bay		o	oh	
c	tsay		p	pay	
d	day		q	kooh	
e	ay		r	air	
f	eff		s	ess	
g	geh	hard G -- <u>G</u>arten	t	tay	
h	ha		u	ooh	
i	ee (English "e")	"ee" -- <u>Ber</u>lin	v	fow	"f" -- <u>V</u>ogel
j	yuht	Like "y" -- <u>J</u>akob	w	vay	"v" -- <u>W</u>asser
k	kah		x	icks	
l	ell		y	oepsilon	
m	emm		z	tset	"ts" -- <u>z</u>wei

Special Characters (Umlauts & ess-zett [scharfes S])

ä (ae)	SHORT - "eh" as in <u>h</u>ätte / LONG - "ay" as in <u>sp</u>ät
ö (oe)	Round your mouth to say the letter "o" and say "e" instead - round your lips and push them forward, like a fish (similar to oeh) like <u>zw</u>ölf
ü (ue)	Like ö, but stick the lower lip out just a little more (similar to "ew") like <u>f</u>ünf
ß	Pronounce this symbol the same as you would the letter "s". like <u>h</u>eißen

Consonant Combinations

Diphthongs (Vowel Combinations)

au	"ow" as in ouch, <u>H</u>aus
eu or äu	"oy" as in boy, <u>h</u>eute or <u>H</u>äuser
ei or ai or ay	"eye", <u>z</u>wei or <u>M</u>ai or <u>B</u>ayern
ie	"e" (the English "e"), <u>S</u>iess or <u>D</u>ienstag
When i & e go walking, the 2 nd does the talking	

s	"z" when followed by a vowel like <u>s</u>ieben
sch	"sh" like <u>S</u>chule
st	"sht" like <u>S</u>tadt
sp	"shp" like <u>S</u>port
schw	"shv" like <u>s</u>chwarz
ch	hissing like <u>i</u>ch
cht	"kt" like <u>s</u>chlecht
qu	"kv" like <u>Q</u>ualität
zw	"tsv" like <u>z</u>wei