

Abc & Communicate Spelling Method!

ABCDEFGH eibisidi-i-ef-lli
HIJK eich-ai-jeikei
LMNOP elemenoupi
QRS kiu-ar-es
TUV ti-iu-Vi
WXYZ dabliu-eks-guai-Zi (USA) or Zed
(UK)

B is not V B is for Barcelona V is for "very"
– Thank you **very** much, **B**arcelona is **very** nice

C is not Z C is for "cinema"
Z is for "jazz"
Can you spell "jazz"? Yes, I can. J-A-Z-Z
(USA)
If you are British, you say: J-A-double
zed!

Are you from the USA or are you
British? I'm from the USA. Then, my family
name is: FERNANDEZ – That's F-E-R-N-A-
N-D-E-Zee!

No, I'm British! Then, my family name is:
FERNANDEZ – That's F-E-R-N-A-N-D-E-
Zed!

C is not TH
C has different sounds: C = sii, as in
"cinema", "city centre" C = k, as in "cat",
"car", "come"
Th has two different sounds:
Th = Ð, as in "the", "there", "they"

Let's spell names now!

María, Carmen, Nuria, Lola, Juan, Luis, Paco, Pepe,
García, Fernández, Rodríguez, Hernández, González

Now, what about **el acento**? There are no *acentos* in
English, so you need to say: "with an accent on the
'a'"

And what about **la eñe**? Aha! There are no *eñes* in
English, so you need to say: "with a wiggly line over
the 'n'", "an 'n' with a squiggly line on top" "an 'n' with
a squiggly line over the 'n'"

When somebody asks you: "What's your
name?", don't answer "My name is
María/Juan". That's only good for **informal**
situations. For **formal** and semiformal
situations you should always answer: "My
name is... + first name + family name".

In the USA, the family name is also called "second
name", and it is typical to have a middle name, which
is often a mystery, like Catherine Z. Jones.
In Britain, the family name is called "surname".

Th = Θ, as in "think", "Thursday",
"thirtieth"
Cinema ≠ Three
C is not S but it sounds like S sometimes!

G is not J
G is for "gin", "oh, gee!"
J is for "DJ"
J rhymes with K – J-K!

K is not Q
K is for "key" CK is a typical combination!
"Black", "Fuck!", "pocket", "o'clock"
Q is not K
Q is for IQ (intelligence quotient) Q is for
BBQ, barbecue, barbeque, Bar-B-Q and
Bar-B-Que! Or a *barbie* in Australia and
New Zealand!

R is a homophone of ARE, as in "You
are" When you text someone, if you write:
"RUOK?" this means "R-U-OK" = Are you
OK?

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Learn the vowels too! A-E-I-O-U AEIOU

In English-speaking countries, people use one family
name.

In Spain we use two family names. And it is typical
that we have two or three first names! So if someone
asks you: "What's your name?", you should answer:

--My name is María José Martínez Segovia

--Can you spell it, please?

--Yes. I'm going to spell my first name. That's 2
words: María José. The first word is María. M-A-R-I-A.
María. The second word is José. J-O-S-E. José. Are
you OK?

--Yes, thank you. And what's your family name, then?

--We use two family names. My first name is Martínez.
M-A-R-T-I-N-E-Z. Shall I repeat?

--No, it's OK. And the second?

--My second name is Segovia. S-E-G-O-V-I-A.
Segovia.

--Thank you very much!

Practice this communicative spelling method

There is another podcast episode for Spelling for
Avanzad@s, in case you want more!