

Alphabeth und Aussprache

a	as in engl <i>up</i>	Tag, Nacht, Abend, Wasser
b	[=] only at word end speak <i>p</i>	Bach, aber, ab [<i>ap</i>]
c	mostly in combination ch / sch, or in imported words (follow original)	Casus [<i>Kasus</i>], Prosecco [<i>prosekko</i>]
d	[=] only at word end speak <i>t</i>	dein, Hindemith, Geduld
e	short , open long, closed	besser, lernen beben, oh weh!, Schnee
f	[=]	fit, Familie, Affe
g	[=]only at word end speak <i>k</i>	Gott, Weg [<i>Wek</i>], wegen
h	silent (lengthen vowel) audible	Wahnsinn, nah Hans, sehen
i	short , open long, closed	bisschen, Hirte Ritus, Gebiet, sieh!
j	like engl [<i>y</i>], except in imported words	jodeln, ja, Jet, Jaguar, Jesus
k	[=] harder in combination with c CK	Katze, parken, Park Sack
l	[=] careful, Chinese speakers!! tongue to the very front !!!	Luft, Liebe, Ball
m	[=]	Mond, Hammerschmidt
n	[=] ng more at the soft palate	Not, Nacht, Mann Wange, singen
o	short , open long, closed	oft, Boss Boot, wo?, Mozart (exception e.g. Mond)
p	[=] ph like f	Peter, plappern Philosophie
q	[<i>kw</i>]	Quelle, bequem
r	in stage german rolled, at word end often not spoken	Max Reger, Freischütz, Weber [<i>Webea</i>]
s	[<i>s</i>] if s at word (-part) end or ss [<i>z</i>] if word start or btw 2 vowels	aus, Wasser Sarg, Nase aussagen [<i>aoszagen</i>]
t	[=], in German strongly aspirated	Tag, Mutter, hat
u	short , open long, closed	Schlummer, Mut
v	[<i>f</i>], except imported words	von, Vater, Vase [<i>wase</i>]
w	[<i>v</i>]	Wasser, wann, wie
x	[<i>ks</i>]	extrem, Axt
y	[<i>iə</i>] (rare, often in old German)	Weyhen (today: weihen), Jugoslawien
z	[<i>ts</i>]	zu, Zemlinsky, Zar, Weizen
ä	as in engl <i>apple</i>	Wächter, Bäche
ö	short , open long, closed	öfter, Pötte schön, böse, Fön
ü	short , open long, closed	Müllerin, über, Mühe
ch	bright “dry” with bright vowel throaty “wet” with dark vowel	ich, dich, nicht, echt, Nächte Nacht, doch, mach!!
sch	like engl [<i>sh</i>]	Schatz, Bursche, Marsch
st/ sp	[<i>sht/shp</i>] at word(-part) beginning [<i>st/sp</i>] in or at end of word	Spinne, Stimme, bestimmt am besten, Westen, Rast
ß	[<i>s</i>]	Straße, weiß, ich heiße, heiß
ei/ey ay/ai	[<i>ai</i>]	Meier, Meyer, Maier, Mayer Meister, nein, Saite, Seite
eu/ äu	[<i>oö</i>]	heute, euch Häute, Mäuser, äußerst
au	[<i>ao</i>]	Maus, aus
ie	[<i>I</i>]	nie, Liebe
pf	f must follow immediately after p explosion	Pforte, Pferd

[=] = speak as in English

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