

Guide to Pronouncing German Sounds

| German | Sounds like: | Example pronunciation |
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| w | v | <i>was</i> sounds like 'vas' |
| ß | ss | <i>Fußball</i> sounds like 'Fussball' |
| z | ts | <i>zehn</i> sounds like 'ts-ehn' |
| v | f | <i>vier</i> sounds like 'fear' |
| j | y | <i>ja</i> sounds like 'ya' |
| ch | ... | <i>ich, Milch, Österreich</i> |
| 'd' at the end of a word | t | <i>und</i> sounds like 'unt' |
| ei | i (eye) | <i>drei</i> sounds like 'dry' |
| ie | e (eee) | <i>sieben</i> sounds like 'seeeben' |
| ö | oe | <i>Köln</i> sounds like 'Koeln' |
| ä | ae | <i>Sänger</i> sounds like 'Saenger' |
| ü | ue | <i>München</i> sounds like 'Muenchen' |
| St | shh-t | <i>Stadt</i> sounds like 'Shh-t-adt' |
| Sp | shh-p | <i>Sport</i> sounds like 'Shh-p-ort' |