

## A1.2.3 La pronuncia italiana

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Some letters change sound depending on the vowel that follows and on the combination with other letters.

1. C and G are soft before 'E' and 'I'. Example: 'Ciao', 'Gelato'
2. SC is soft before 'E' and 'I': **scena**.
3. GN and GL form unique sounds: **bagno, famiglia**.

Letter	Pronunciation	Example
C/G + E/I	Soft sound like 'ch' and 'j' in English	<b>Ciao</b> ( <i>hello</i> ) <b>Gelato</b> ( <i>ice cream</i> )
C/G + A/O/U	Hard sound like 'k' and 'g' of game	<b>Cane</b> ( <i>dog</i> ) <b>Gatto</b> ( <i>cat</i> )
CH/GH + E/I		<b>Chiave</b> ( <i>key</i> ) <b>Ghiaccio</b> ( <i>ice</i> )
SC + E/I	Sounds like 'sh' in English	<b>Scena</b> ( <i>scene</i> )
SC + A/O/U	Sounds /sk/	<b>Scuola</b> ( <i>school</i> )
GN	Sounds like the 'ñ' in Spanish	<b>Bagno</b> ( <i>bathroom; bath</i> )
GL + I	Sounds like the 'll' in Spanish	<b>Famiglia</b> ( <i>family</i> )
Z	Could be voiced and voiceless	<b>Zaino</b> ( <i>backpack</i> ) <b>Pizza</b> ( <i>pizza</i> )
CC, GG, LL, TT, ...	Double consonants are pronounced longer	<b>Fratello</b> ( <i>brother</i> ) <b>Otto</b> ( <i>eight</i> )