

## HOW TO READ IN SWEDISH

### Swedish alphabet

**Aa**   **Bb**   **Cc**   **Dd**   **Ee**   **Ff**   **Gg**   **Hh**   **Ii**   **Jj**   **Kk**  
*a:*   *be:*   *se:*   *de:*   *e:*   *ef:*   *ge:*   *ho:*   *i:*   *ji:*   *ko:*

**Ll**   **Mm**   **Nn**   **Oo**   **Pp**   **Qq**   **Rr**   **Ss**   **Tt**   **Uu**   **Vv**  
*el*   *em*   *en*   *o:*   *pe:*   *ku:*   *ær*   *es*   *te:*   *u:*   *ve:*

**Ww**   **Xx**   **Yy**   **Zz**   **Åå**   **Ää**   **Öö**  
*dub:altve:*   *eks*   *y:*   *se:ta*   *o:*   *æ:*   *ø:*

1. There are two types of vowels in Swedish. These are hard vowels (**a, o, u, å**) and soft vowels (**e, i, y, ä, ö**). Hard vowels do not affect the reading of consonant sounds. Soft vowels make the consonant into a completely different sound.

CONSONANT	hard vowels: a, o, u, å	soft vowels: e, i, y, ä, ö
<b>sk...</b>	[ sk ] ska, skola, Skåne, skulle, fiska, skada	[ ch ] sked, skidor, skynda, skära, skönt, sky  OBS! människa
<b>g...</b>	[ g ] gammal, golvet, gul, gå, godis  OBS! gem, get	[ j ] ge, gift, gillar, gärna, göra
<b>k...</b>	[ k ] katt, ko, kultur, kål  OBS! kö, kille, kör (chorus)	[ sh ] kedja, kilo, kyrka, kärlek, köra bil
<b>C...</b>	[ k ] cancer, cobra, cup...	[ s ] cement, cäsar, citron, cykla...

2. Always read **TJ, RS, SCH** as [sh].

<b>TJ</b>	[ sh ]	tjugo, tjej, tjäna...
<b>RS</b>		i morse, mars, försent, Vänersborg...
<b>SCH</b>		duscha, affisch, bransch...

3. Always read **SKJ, STJ, CH** as [ch].

<b>SKJ</b>	<b>[ ch ]</b>	skjorta, skjul, skjuta...
<b>STJ</b>		stjärna, stjäla, stjälk...
<b>CH</b>		chans, charm, champagne...

4. Always read **DJ, LJ, HJ, GJ** as [j].

Example: **d**jur, **l**jus, **h**jul, **g**jorde...

5. There are about 5,000 words in all European languages that have the same meaning. They all end with ..... **... tion / sion**, they are read as **[ hu:n ]**

Example: **t**radition, **n**ation, **s**tation, **e**xpansion, **e**xpression...

If you doubt the reading of the word, then you have the opportunity to read the transcription and listen to the word on the site <https://svenska.se/>

In the following video you can listen how different people pronounce the Swedish letters. <http://www.swedishinhelsingborg.se/posts/166/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGHLZV-la-A&t=13s>