



How to pronounce Italian - a few basics

- Italian isn't hard to pronounce for English speakers. You need to know a few basic rules.
- Italian **ci** and **ce** are both pronounced like the English 'chi, che'. In **cia, cio, ciu** the 'i' is not pronounced, so it sounds like 'cha, cho, chu'.

ciabatta

Botticelli

- **chi** and **che** are pronounced like the hard English 'k':

Chianti

orchestra

- **gi** and **ge** have a soft sound, like the 'j' in 'Jim'. In **gia, gio, giu** the 'i' is not pronounced, so it sounds like 'ja, jo, ju':

Parmigiano

Genova

- **ghi** and **ghe** are hard, like the 'g' in 'gate':

Lamborghini

spaghetti