

EURIZIAN

A common language for European identity

LESSON 1

Alphabet and Pronunciation



The Alphabet

- The Eurizian alphabet contains **25 letters**.
- It uses the modern Latin alphabet without the letter W.
- Eurizian uses both uppercase and lowercase letters.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V X Y Z (capital letters);
a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v x y z (lowercase letters).

Classical Latin Pronunciation

- Eurizian follows the Classical (Restored) Latin pronunciation.
- It does not use Ecclesiastical Latin pronunciation.
- Every pronunciation rule has been designed to be regular and predictable.
- Once the pronunciation rules are learned, every word can be read correctly.

Let's now look at how each letter of the Eurizian alphabet is pronounced!

Letter Pronunciation (A–G)

Letter	Pronunciation	Name for spelling in Eurizian
A	like a in <i>father</i>	A
B	like b in <i>boy</i>	BEH
C	always hard, like c in <i>cat</i>	KEH
D	like d in <i>dog</i>	DEH
E	like e in <i>café</i>	E
F	like f in <i>fish</i>	FEH
G	always hard, like g in <i>go</i>	GEH

Letter Pronunciation (H–N)

Letter	Pronunciation	Name for spelling in Eurizian
H	lightly aspirated, like hat	HEK
I	like ee in machine	I
J	like y in yes	YEH
K	like k in kite	KEY
L	like l in love	LEH
M	like m in man	MEH
N	like n in nose	NEH

Letter Pronunciation (O–Z)

Letter	Pronunciation	Name for spelling in Eurizian
O	like o in obey	O
P	like p in pen	PEH
Q	like qu in quick	QWE
R	trilled r , as in Spanish perro	REH
S	like s in sun	SEH
T	like t in top	TEH
U	like oo in food	U
V	like v in voice	VEH
X	like x in box	XE
Y	like German ü or French u	UYEH
Z	like ds in kids	ZEH

Rules for the correct pronunciation of Eurizian (1)

1. One letter, one sound: Each written symbol (grapheme) always corresponds to one single sound (phoneme).
1. There are no diphthongs: adjacent vowels are always pronounced separately. Consonants occurring in a cluster normally retain their individual sounds. The only exceptions are ph and tch.
 - ph is pronounced as an emphatic f sound, with a noticeable puff of air; tch is pronounced like ch in the English word cheese.
 - The cluster sc is always pronounced as hard [sk] (as in school), and ti is pronounced just as written, [ti], never as [tʃ] (like in nation).
 - The vowel combinations ae and oe are not diphthongs: each vowel is pronounced separately: ae = [a.e] and oe = [o.e].

Rules for the correct pronunciation of Eurizian (2)

3. The letters C and G are always hard: o C = [k] as in cat o G = [g] as in go
4. Unlike Classical Latin, Eurizian pronounces V as [v], as in the English word voice.
5. The letter J is a consonant, pronounced [j] as in yes.
6. The stress is always on the penultimate (second-to-last) syllable.

Pronunciation Examples (1)

Eurizian word	Meaning (English)	Pronounced as
gingiva	gum (anatomy)	gheen- GEE -va
amicitia	friendship	ah-mee-kee- TEE -ah
caerulei	blue	kah-eh-roo- LEH -ee
magni	big / great	MAG -nee
nescire	not to know	neh- SKEE -reh
boni	good	BOH -nee
Deo	God	DEH -oh
fama	fame	FAH -mah
homine	man / human being	ho- MEE -neh
fridujo	refrigerator	free- DOO -yoh

Pronunciation Examples (2)

Eurizian word	Meaning (English)	Pronounced as
komputero	computer	kom-poo- TEH -roh
patre	father	PAH -treh
quinque	five	KWEEN -kweh
examine	examination	ek-sah- MEE -neh
tyranno	tyrant	tü- RAHN -noh
zodiaco	zodiac	dzoh-dee- AH -koh
philosophia	philosophy	fee-loh-soh- FEE -ah
cena	dinner	KEH -nah
gemma	gem	GHEM -mah
igne	fire	IG -neh

Practice Exercises (1)

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- 4) The vowel group ae is pronounced as two separate vowels.
- 5) The letter J is pronounced like the English Y.

Practice Exercises (1) Solutions

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- 5) The letter J is pronounced like the English Y. (**True**)

Practice Exercises (2)

Choose the correct answer

The letter G is always pronounced:

- a) like giant
- b) like go
- c) like judge

The letter V is pronounced:

- a) like Classical Latin
- b) like English v
- c) like English w

The cluster sc is pronounced:

- a) sh
- b) s
- c) sk

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Practice Exercises (3)

Read these words aloud.

- **phoenice**
- **cera**
- **cicatrice**
- **genitore**
- **regno**
- **scientia**
- **magnitudine**

Practice Exercises (3) Solutions

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phoenice	phoenix	Foh-eh- NEE -keh
cera	wax	KEH -rah
cicatrice	scar	Kee-kah- TREE -keh
genitore	parent	Gheh-nee- TOH -reh
regno	kingdom	REG -noh
scientia	knowledge, science	Skee-ehn- TEE -ah
magnitudine	greatness, magnitude	mag-nee-too- DEE -neh