

The Romanian language is Latin based having been brought into the area when Rome colonized it in the 2nd and 3rd centuries AD. It is a phonetic language meaning that all letters are pronounced. Having been dominated by so many different countries there are many “adopted” words including English sounding words in the vocabulary.

Following is the alphabet with letter pronunciations.

a	as in <u>cut</u>	j	as in <u>treasure</u>
ă	as in <u>hurt</u>	k	as in <u>kilo</u>
â	generated from the back of the throat, a combination of <u>u</u> and <u>ee</u> sounds	l	as in <u>like</u>
b	as in <u>bat</u>	m	as in <u>mate</u>
c	as in <u>cab</u>	n	as in <u>new</u>
ce	as in <u>cherry</u>	o	as in <u>old</u>
ch	as in <u>keep</u>	p	as in <u>plain</u>
ci	as in <u>cherry</u>	(no q in Romanian)	
d	as in <u>delta</u>	r	rolled as in the Scottish r
e	as in <u>tent</u>	s	as in <u>Sam</u>
f	as in <u>Frank</u>	ș	as in <u>ship</u>
g	as in <u>golf</u>	t	as in <u>take</u>
ge	as in <u>general</u>	ț	as in <u>cats</u>
gi	as in <u>general</u>	u	as in <u>took</u>
h	as in <u>hard</u>	v	as in <u>very</u>
i	as in <u>sleep</u>	w	as in <u>week</u>
î	same as â	x	as in <u>extra</u>
		y	as in <u>many</u>
		z	as in <u>zap</u>