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A sound dictionary  
"bridging the L1 and L2"

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## Pronouncing the letter "g"

- the letter "g" is pronounced /dji/
  - there is a /d/ sound at the beginning, followed by a /j/ sound as in "João" and then an /i/ sound as in "vi" (form of the verb "ver")

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"h"

- the letter "h" is pronounced /eitch/
  - notice our diphthong /ei/ followed by a /t/ sound before the /ch/ sound as in "chão"

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## "h"

- when in a word the letter "h" can be pronounced or not
  - when it's pronounced, the "h" appears in the sound: /hauss/ (house) and /hórss/ (horse); and it's pronounced as in "ha, ha, ha"
  - when it's not pronounced, it doesn't appear: /auar/ (hour) and /ónasst/ (honest)

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"q"

- the letter "q" is pronounced /kiu/
- when our students learn English, they learn the letter "k" which is very useful for the pronunciation of many words

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**"y"**

- the letter "y" is pronounced /uai/
- the /u/ sound as in "uva" was the most similar sound my students and I agreed on for the initial sound of this letter
- the same applies to the sound of the word "why"

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"i"

- the letter "i" is pronounced as our diphthong /ai/

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**"yellow"**

- is pronounced as /i<sup>é</sup>·lou/
- the student needs to know that the pronunciation of the "i" is linked to the pronunciation of the "é": i<sup>é</sup>
- they cannot be pronounced separately



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## "Thursday"

- is pronounced /tharz·dei/
  - the underlined **th** is equivalent to the Portuguese "s" by a person who lisps (as in "sopinha de massa")
  - the "a" is equivalent to the sound /a/ in "agora" and "about"

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## "February"

- has two possible pronunciations: /fé·bru·é·ri/ and /fé·biu·é·ri/

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**Thanks for getting in touch, Evelina!**

Hope this has been useful. If you still have doubts, please email me at [teredeca@gmail.com](mailto:teredeca@gmail.com)

**Have a great school year!**