

Inha Description (One Sentence Version)

Inha is a melodious and fluid language—a language that lingers over its stressed and long syllables, and revels in its trilled *R* sounds.

Consonants That Are Identical to English

B - "bad"

G - "goal"

H - "haze"

L - "love"

M - "magic"

N - "never"

S - "sad"

SH - "shade"

V - "vast"

Z - "zebra"

Consonants That Are Almost Identical to English

T, D - pronounced with **the tongue tip against the back of the top front teeth**, *not* against the bump behind the teeth. Listen:

taco (English) vs. taco (Spanish) ([t_span.mp3](#))

Dora (English) vs. Dora (Spanish) ([d_span.mp3](#))

P, T, K - pronounced *without* aspiration, cf.:

pie vs. spy

tie vs. sty

kit vs. skit

G - *always* hard like "goal"; *never* soft like "genius"

Consonants That Differ from English

R - trilled sharply, as in Spanish "perrro" ([r_span.mp3](#))

ZH - like the "z" in "azure" or the "s" in "lesure"

Basic Vowels

A - like "a" in "father", but forward; *always* pure

E - *always* like "a" in "gate"; *never* silent

I - *always* like "i" in "machine"; *always* pure

O - like "o" in "tome"; *always* pure

U - like "u" in "ruminate"; *always* pure

Some Diphthongs

AI - like "i" in "ice"

EU - like "eyu" in "Atreyu"

AU - like "ow" in "how"

IO - like "eo" in "Leo"

EI - like "ey" in "hey"

IE - like "ea" in "reagent"

IA - like "ea" in "theater"

IU - like "eu" in "reunion"

OI - like "oy" in "boy"

OA - like "oa" in "Oahu"

OU - like "ow" in "low"

UE - like "ue" in "nuevo"

UA - like "ua" in "luau"

UI - like "ouie" in "Louie"

Stress

Written in All Caps: inha ~ IN-ha

Practice

Long vs. Short Vowels ([lvs_v.mp3](#))

A-ne ~ AA-ne	ka-LI-vu ~ ka-LII-vu
te-ZU-ke ~ te-ZUU-ke	fu-ha-TI ~ fu-ha-TII

Long vs. Short Consonants ([lvs_c.mp3](#))

TE-la ~ TEL-la	ME-ka-li ~ MEK-ka-li
O-she ~ OSH-she	bi-DE-va ~ bi-DEV-va

Trilled R ([trilledr.mp3](#))

RE-na-ka	ta-RII-ve	ru-mu-ZII
RAI-zet	su-RAA-ka	RO-be-gan

Diphthongs and Triphthongs ([dvt.mp3](#))

RUASH	keu-VAU-le	tuai-FOU-sep
kio-MAA-li	SUUA-zes	ZHOA-rei

Extra Practice ([extra.mp3](#))

KAL-doa	meo-ZHIIR	sem-boai-GIIUAL
TA-zha-ril	VEIM-paa-hi	lozh-DAIS-seh