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Letter (lower case)	Letter (upper case)	Phonetic notation	Example	Pronunciation
a	A	[a]	praca	as in english smart
ą	Ą	[ɔ̃]	mąż	as in french bon
b	B	[b]	niebo	as in english boy
c	C	[ts]	co	as in english wits
ć	Ć	[tɕ]	być	as in english choice
d	D	[d]	daleko	as in english day
e	E	[ɛ]	też	as in english red
ę	Ę	[ɛ̃]	imię	as in french cousin
f	F	[f]	film	as in english fit
g	G	[g]	gość	as in english good
h	H	[x]	herbata	between scottish loch and english heart
i	I	[i]	iść	as in english cheat
j	J	[j]	jechać	as in english yes
k	K	[k]	kawa	as in english cold
l	L	[l]	lubić	as in english lamp
ł	Ł	[w]	miły	as in english water
m	M	[m]	most	as in english move
n	N	[n]	rano	as in english nut
ń	Ń	[ɲ]	tańczyć	as in english canyon
o	O	[ɔ]	okno	as in english port
ó	Ó	[u]	móc	as in english root
p	P	[p]	przerwa	as in english place
r	R	[r]	robić	thrilled r, as in italian Roma
s	S	[s]	syn	as in english salt
ś	Ś	[ɕ]	środa	as in english short
t	T	[t]	teraz	as in english talk
u	U	[u]	szukać	as in english root
w	W	[v]	wolny	as in english vowel
y	Y	[ɨ]	czy	as in english syllable
z	Z	[z]	zamek	as in english zoo
ź	Ź	[ʐ]	jeździć	as in english teach
ż	Ż	[ʒ]	żona	as in english vision



# Nasal Vowels, Digraphs & Trigraphs

## The letter ą

Following consonant	Phonetic notation	Example	Pronunciation
single, end of word or before ch, f, h, rz, s, sz, ś, w, z, ź or ż	[ɔ̃]	mąż	as in french champignon
b or p	[ɔm]	ząb	as in english combination
c, cz, d, dz, dź or t	[ɔn]	miesiąc	as in english monster
ć or dź	[ɔɲ]	wziąć	as in french cognac
g or k	[ɔŋ]	pociąg	as in english wrong

## The letter ę

Following consonant	Phonetic notation	Example	Pronunciation
single or before ch, f, h, rz, s, sz, ś, w, z, ź or ż	[ɛ̃]	często	as in french cousin
end of word	[ɛ]	imię	as in english angle
b or p	[ɛm]	zęby	as in english emphasis
c, cz, d, dz, dź or t	[ɛn]	wszędzie	as in english then
ć or dź	[ɛɲ]	pięć	as in english send
g or k	[ɛŋ]	piękny	as in english strength

## Digraphs & Trigraphs

Combination	Phonetic notation	Example	Pronunciation
ch	[x]	chory	between scottish loch and english heart
cz	[tʃ]	czuć	as in english watch
dz	[dʒ]	dziecko	as in english woods
dź	[dʒ]	odpowiedź	as in english Jeep
dż	[dʒ]	dżem	as in english jungle
rz	[ʒ]	rzadko	as in french journal
sz	[ʃ]	szukać	as in english shoes
dzi	[dʒ]	dzień	as in english Jeep

