

SAYING B, V, Z, G, CU, R

Here are some more things you should know about Spanish pronunciation

V's and b's both have the same sound in Spanish. It's like a soft English 'b'

bien, vale

good, ok

'Z' sounds like the 'th' in thanks. It's the same as the 'c' sound in 'cerveza'

cerveza

beer

When 'g' is before 'e' and 'i' it's the same as the 'j' sound, like a stronger English 'h'

urgente, embajadores

urgent, ambassadors

Otherwise, it's a hard 'g' sound

algo

something

When you ask for the bill, 'la cuenta', notice that 'cu' is pronounced as 'cw'

la **cu**enta

the bill

Finally, to sound really Spanish you've got to roll your r's. You always roll them except when a single 'r' falls between two vowels. So, you don't roll

quiero

I want

But you do roll

regalo, terraza

gift, terrace