Alphabets

Class objective:

I will be able to identify and write Italian alphabets.

Concept A: Vowels and diphthongs

The Italian alphabet has 21 letters.

A, E, I, O, U are called "vowels". The others are called "consonants".

a	ai	au	e	è	é	ei	eu
[a]	[ai]	[au]	$[e/\epsilon]$	[ε]	[e]	[ei]	[eu]
i	ie	o	ò	ó	oi	u	uo
[i/j]	[jε]	[o/o]	[ɔ]	[o]	[oi]	[u/w]	[wo]

Concept B: Consonants

b	c	cc	ch	d	f	g	gg
[b]	$[\widehat{tJ}/k]$	$[\widehat{tJ}:/k:]$	[k]	[d]	[f]	$[\widehat{d_3}/g]$	[d͡ʒ:/g:]
gh	gli	gn	h	j	k	1	m
[g]	[ʎ(:)/gli]	[n(:)]	Ø	[j/d͡3/3]	[k]	[1]	[m]
n	p	q	qu	r	S	sc	sch
[n]	[p]	[k]	[kw]	[r]	[s/z]	[[]	[sk]
sci	t	V	W	X	y	Z	
[l]	[t]	[v]	[w/v]	[ks]	[i/j]	$[\widehat{ts}(:)/\widehat{dz}(:)]$	

Notes

- c = [t] before i or e, and [k] elsewhere
- g = [dʒ] before i or e, and [g] elsewhere
- s = [z] between vowels, and when next to a voiced consonant, e.g. sguardo, and [s] elsewhere
- sc = [[] before i or e, and [sk] before a, o or u
- A double consonant is longer version of a single consonant and shortens the preceding vowel

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