

# The Latin Alphabet

The letter 'c' always made a hard sound like a 'k'.

There was no 'j' in the Latin alphabet. The letter 'i' could be used as either a vowel or a consonant. As a consonant, it was pronounced like the 'y' in 'yellow'. For example, 'Iuppiter' (Jupiter) was pronounced 'Yupiter'.

a	b	c	d	e	f
g	h	i		k	l
m	n	o	p	q	r
s	t	u	v		x
y	z				

The letter 'y' was a vowel in Latin, not a consonant. It sounded a bit like 'oo', like the sound at the end of 'who'.

Romans wrote the consonant 'v' like the letter 'u' so it wasn't really a letter in the Latin alphabet. However, people nowadays tend to write those words with a 'v', like in 'veni, vidi, vici'.

It was pronounced like a 'w'. The letter 'w' didn't exist in the Latin alphabet - 'v' was already doing that job.

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