

1. THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE CONSONANTS



The consonants **b, c, ç, d, dh, f, g, gj, h, j, k, l, ll, m, n, nj, p, q, r, rr, s, sh, t, th, v, x, xh, z, zh** in most cases are pronounced like their English equivalents in these words:

- b** - **babà** (father) – like the *b* in *ballad*,
- c** - **cigàre** (cigarette) - like the *ts* in *tsetse* disease,
- ç** - **çaj** (tea) - like the *ch* in *much*,
- d** - **dàjë** (uncle) - like the *d* in *deal*,
- dh** - **dhòmë** (room) - like the *th* in *then*,
- f** - **fabrikë** (factory) - like the *f* in *false*,
- g** - **gur** (stone), - like the *g* in *game*,
- gj** - **gjùhë** (language) - there is no sound like this in English, but you can pronounce it like the *gi* in *give*.
- h** - **hàrtë** (map) - like the *h* in *hard*,
- j** - **jètë** (life) - like the *y* in *yacht*,
- k** - **karvàn** (convoy) - like the *c* in *camera*,
- l** - **legjëndë** (legend) - like the *l* in *liver*,
- ll** - **llotarì** (lottery) - like the *ll* in *hill*,
- m** - **mamà** (mother) - like the *m* in *match*,
- n** - **normàl** (normaly) - like the *n* in *nurse*,
- nj** - **njerì** (men) - like the *ni* in *onion*,
- p** - **partì** (party) - like the *p* in *partner*,
- q** - **qàrtë** (clearly) - there is no sound similiar to the Albanian *q* in English, but you can pronounce it like *k* (*kia*) in *kiaugh*.
- r** - **reaksiòn** (reaction) - like the *r* in *robot*,
- rr** - **rròtë** (wheel) - like the *rr* in “*hurrah*,”
- s** - **sandàle** (sandal) - like the *s* in *side*,
- sh** - **shkòllë** (school) - like the *sh* in *shop*,
- t** - **titull** (title) - like the *t* in *time*,
- th** - **thùa** (nail) - like the *th* in *thief*,
- v** - **vèrë** (summer) - like the *v* in *vague*,
- z** - **zëmër** (heart) - like the *z* in *zenith*,
- zh** - **zhùrmë** (noise) - like the *s* in *vision*,
- x** - **nxënës** (pupil) - like the *dz* in *Shevernadze* ,
- xh** - **xhakètë** (jacket) - like the *j* in *jolly*.