

Letter combinations in German

Consonant combinations,

| Letters | pronounciation | Examples |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| ch | h | mich |
| ck | k | Dreck |
| sch | sh | Tisch |
| sp | shp | spät |
| st | sht | Stadt |
| tsch | ch | Deutsch |

Vowel combinations,

| Letters | pronounciation | Examples |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| ei | i | Eis |
| ai | ai | Mai |
| ie | е | Liebe |
| eu | u | Europe |
| äu | oh | Häuser |
| au | au | Haus |

"h" can be pronounced in two ways,

• At the beginning of the word as (h), like in English.

Ex: Hund

• As a silent letter,

Ex: nehmen