

Pronouncing Aztec Nahuatl

<u>Character</u> <u>We Use:</u>	<u>Sometimes</u> <u>Also Used:</u>	<u>Nahuatl pronunciation:</u>
a		Like the <i>a</i> in <i>father</i> .
aa	a·	Like <i>a</i> only held longer.
e		Like the <i>e</i> in <i>bet</i> .
ee	e·	Like <i>e</i> only held longer.
i		Like the <i>i</i> in <i>police</i> .
ii	i·	Like <i>i</i> only held longer.
o		Like the <i>o</i> in <i>note</i> .
oo	o·	Like <i>o</i> only held longer.
u		Like the <i>u</i> in <i>flute</i> .
uu	u·	Like <i>u</i> only held longer.
au	aw	Like <i>ow</i> in English <i>cow</i> .
ai	ay	Like English <i>eye</i> .

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c	k	It is pronounced as a K before <i>a</i> , <i>o</i> , or <i>u</i> soft before <i>e</i> or <i>i</i> .
c	s	It is pronounced as an S before <i>e</i> or <i>i</i> .
ch	ch	Like <i>ch</i> in <i>chair</i> .
cu	kw, qu	Like <i>qu</i> in English <i>queen</i> .
h		Like <i>h</i> in <i>hay</i> .
hu	w	Like <i>w</i> in <i>way</i> .
l		Like <i>l</i> in <i>light</i> .
m		Like <i>m</i> in <i>moon</i> .
n		Like <i>n</i> in <i>night</i> .
p		Like the <i>p</i> in <i>pie</i> .
qu	k	Both <i>qu</i> and <i>c</i> can represent the <i>k</i> sound in English <i>key</i> .
t		Like the <i>t</i> in <i>tell</i> .
tl	†	
tz	ts	Like <i>ts</i> in <i>cats</i> .
x	sh	Like <i>sh</i> in <i>shell</i> .
y		Like <i>y</i> in <i>yes</i> .
z	s	Both <i>z</i> and <i>c</i> can represent both the <i>s</i> sound in English <i>sun</i>).