Pronouncing Aztec Nahuatl

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

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