**Preparing for the Pronunciation Test**

Here is an overview of what we have covered in class…

Know these **13 letters** and the sounds they make when they are pronounced. The other 17 letters not mentioned sound the same as English.

A=ah

E=A

I=E

O=O

U=ewe

J=H sound

H=silent

Qu=K sound

Ll=Y sound

Rr=rolled r

Ñ=ny sound

V=b sound

Z=s sound

**Dipthong**-when two vowels are side by side and create a new sound. If you think you might have a dipthong, ask. I will tell you if it is and what sound it makes if it is a dipthong.

If a vowel is followed by and **R, N or L** it will make a natural English sound.

**Common Examples:**

or=like in the word “or”

al=like in the word “all”

ar=like in the word “argue”

en=like in the word “enter”

el=like in the word “elevator”

er=like in the word “error”

**C/G**-It is the letter right after the C and G that tell it to be hard or soft.

a, u, o and consonants make the letter say the hard sound.

e, i and y make the letter say the soft sound.

OR if your word has a C or a G just look at the letter that comes directly after the C or G and then think of an English word that has those letters.

Example: Cocina Co-coat, so the first C will sound like a K, ci-city, so the second C will sound like an S.

NOTE-The soft G makes a J sound. However, the J sound in Spanish is H.

Example: Girafa is the word for Giraffe. They look alike, but in Spanish the G makes the English H sound and in English the G makes the English J sound.