

10. SPEAKING ROMANIAN

Pronunciation

Written Romanian is more or less phonetically consistent. At the beginning of a word, 'e' and 'i' are pronounced 'ye' and 'yi', while at the end of a word an 'i' is almost silent. At the end of a word 'ii' is pronounced 'ee'.

A - as the 'u' in 'cut'

E - as in 'tell'

I - as in 'be'

Ă - a neutral vowel, as the 'e' in 'herd'

Â/Î - has no phonetic equivalent in English

U - as a double 'oo'

C - as in 'cat' before a, o, and u; as the 'ch' in 'church' before e and i

Ch - as the 'k' in 'kit' before e and I

G - as in 'good' before a, o, and u; as in 'gentle' before e and I

Gh - as the 'g' in 'get' before e and I

Ș - as the 'sh' in ship'

Ț - as the 'ts' in 'cats'

Words and Phrases

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| Yes/No | Da/Nu |
| Please | Vă rog |
| Thank you | Mulțumesc/Mersi |
| Hi/Hello | Salut/Bună ziua |
| See you/Good bye | La revedere/Pa |
| Excuse me | Scuzați-mă |
| I don't know | Nu știu |

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| What's your name? | Cum vă numiți? |
| My name is... | Numele meu este... |
| Where are you from? | De unde sunteți? |
| I'm from... | Sunt din... |
| Where is? | Unde este? |
| How much does this cost? | Cât costă? |
| When/where/how | Când/unde/cum |
| Good morning | Bună dimineața |
| Good evening | Bună seara |
| Today | Astăzi/Azi |
| Tomorrow | Mâine |
| Now/later | Acum/ Mai târziu |
| I am hungry/thirsty | Mi-e foame/sete |
| Ten/twenty/fifty | Zece/douăzeci/cincizeci |
| Ten | O sută |
| Twenty | Douăzeci |
| Fifty | Cincizeci |
| One million | Un million |
| Ten billions | Zece miliarde |
| I'm tired | Sunt obosit/ă |
| What's the time? | Cât e ceasul? |
| I live on ... street | Locuiesc pe strada... |
| I need (something) | Am nevoie de ... |
| Maybe | Poate |
| Sure | Sigur |
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