Latin has 24 letters in the alphabet

It is missing J and W

Most of the consonants sound like English. The exceptions are as follows:

* C is always hard like in car
  + NOT as it is in city)
* G is always hard like in gold
  + NOT as it is in gem/giraffe)
* H is a breathing sound
  + this is called an Aspirate
  + English does the same thing
    - Think about the word "Have" without the "h"
    - You add a breathe to "ave" to create "Have"
* I can be a consonant AND a vowel
  + It is a consonant at the beginning of a word when the second letter is a vowel
  + It makes a "y" sound as in yes
* R=trilled
* T is hard as in tired
  + NOT a sh sound like nation
* V=W sound
  + Latin does NOT have the "vee" sound like English does
* X=ks sound as in axle
  + NOT gz as in exert
* Ch=k sound as in character
  + NOT "ch" as in church

Vowels: make the language and syllables

* In Latin, long or short
  + determined by a macron (long mark)
  + Wheelock's Latin website
    - http://wheelockslatin.com/chapters/introduction/introduction\_vowels.html
* Long
  + ā : "ahhh" as in father
  + ē : "ayy" as in they
  + ī : "eee" as in machine
  + ō : "ohhh" as in clover
  + ū : "ooo" as in rude
* Short
  + a : "uh" as in Dinah
  + e: "eh" as in pet
  + i : "ih" as in pin
  + o : as in orb, off
  + u : "uh" as in put

Diphthongs: combinations of 2 vowels sounds that make one syllable

* ae : "eye" as in aisle
* au : ow as in house
* ei : "ay" as in reign
* eu : as Latin eh +oo, spoken quickly as one syllable. Not in English, rare in Latin
* oe : "oy" as in oil
* ui : as in Latin oo+ee, spoken as one syllable (think gooey said really fast)
  + only in huius, cuius, huic, cui, hui
  + elsewhere NOT a diphthong