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