

TABLE 59.2 I: *Estonian Alphabet*

Letter	Value	Name ^a
A	a [a]	["a:]
B	b [p]	["be:], ["nærkk "pe:] 'weak b'
(C	c [ts]	["tse:]
(Č	č ^b [tʃ]	["tʃe:]
D	d [t]	["de:], ["nærkk "te:] 'weak d'
E	e [e]	["e:]
F	f [f]	["eff]
G	g [k]	["ge:], ["ke:]
H	h [h]	["ha:]
I	i [i]	["i:]
J	j [j]	["jott]
K	k [kk]	["ka:]
L	l [l]	["ell]
M	m [m]	["emm]
N	n [n]	["enn]
O	o [o]	["o:]
P	p [pp]	["pe:], [tukev "pe:] 'strong p'
(Q	q [kv]	["ku:]
R	r [r]	["ærr]
S	s [ss]	["ess]
Š	š [ʃ]	["ʃa:]
Z	z [s]	["se:]
Ž	ž [ʒ]	["ʒe:]
T	t [tt]	["te:], [tukev "te:] 'strong t'
U	u [u]	["u:]
V	v [v]	["ve:]
(W	w [v]	[kaksisve:] 'double v'
Õ	õ [ɤ]	["ɤ:]
Ä	ä [æ]	["æ:]
Ö	ö [ø]	["ø:]
Ü	ü [y]	["y:]
(X	x [ks]	["ikks]
(Y	y [j], [y]	[ypsilon]

a. Heavy-stressed syllables are shown by the diacritic [ː] before the syllable. An older system used *pehme* ['pehme] 'soft' and *kõva* ['kõva] 'hard' rather than *nõrk* ['nõrkk] 'weak' and *tugev* ['tukev] 'strong', respectively. The names of the letters *b*, *d*, *g*, *z*, and *ž* are spelled (*nõrk*) *bee*, (*nõrk*) *dee*, *gee*, *zee*, *žee*, respectively.

b. The status of *č* is controversial; it is often replaced by *tš*.