

Catalan belongs to the Italic family of Indo-European. It is spoken by about 6 million people in the north-eastern coastal strip of Spain from Roussillon and Andorra (where it has official status) through Catalonia to Valencia and the Balearics. The Barcelona dialect is considered the standard literary language. The speaker in this recording is a twenty-six year old female from Girona.

Catalan Consonants (Phonetic):

Stops:	p	t	k
	b(:)	d	g(:)
Fricatives:	f	s	ʃ
	β	ð	ʎ
Affricates:		ts	tʃ
		dz	dʒ
Nasals	m(:)	n(:)	ɲ
	(m)		
Liquids		l(:)	ʎ(:)
Glides		r / r	j w

Catalan Vowels (Phonemic)

i	u
e	ə
ɛ	ɔ
a	

Allophones Encountered:

i	u
ɪ	ʊ
e	ə
ɛ	ɔ
a	ɑ ɒ

I. Spontaneous Speech

II. Reading Sample

III. Word Lists

Vowel Contrast:

1.	jardi	[ʒərðí]	'garden'
2.	ruina	[ruinə]	'queen'
3.	vila	[bilə]	'town'
4.	amoïnar	[əmuinə]	'to worry'
5.	primera	[primérə]	'first'
6.	vindré	[bin ^d ré]	'come' 1rst. sing. future
7.	real	[real]	'real'
8.	règim	[rezim]	'rule' 1rst pl. present

9.	cel	[sɛl]	'sky'
10.	voler	[bulɛ]	'to want'
11.	fàcil	[fásiɫ]	'easy'
12.	casa	[kazə]	'house'
13.	claror	[kləro]	'light'
14.	pare	[parə]	'father'
15.	estimar	[əstimá]	'to love, to value'

Vowel Homographs:

1.	bé	[be]	'well'
	be	[bɛ]	'lamb'
2.	dóna	[dónə]	'gives'
	dona	[dónə]	'woman'
3.	déu	[dew]	'God'
	deu	[dɛw]	'ten'
4.	és	[is]	'is'
	es	[ɛs]	3rd refl. pronoun
5.	fóra	[fórə]	cond. of ésser
	fora	[fórə]	'outside'
6.	mà	[ma]	'hand'
	ma	[mə]	'my'
7.	més	[mɪs]	'more'
	mes	[mɛs]	'month'
8.	móra	[mórə]	'blackberry'
	mora	[mórə]	'Moorish woman'
9.	món	[mon]	'world'
	mon	[mɔn]	'my' (m)
10.	nét	[nɪt]	'grandson'
	net	[net]	'clean'
11.	pèl	[pɛɫ]	'hair'
	pel	[pɔɫ]	contr. of 'per' and 'el'
12.	què	[kɛ]	'what'
	que	[kɔ]	'which, that'
13.	sé	[sɪ]	'1st pres. indic. of 'saber'
	se	[sɛ]	3rd refl. pronoun
14.	sòl	[sɔɫ]	'soil'
	sol	[sɔɫ]	'sun, alone'
15.	ós	[ɔf]	'bear'
	os	[ɔs]	'bone'
16.	sí	[si]	'yes'
	si	[sɪ]	'if'
17.	té	[te]	'has'
	te	[tɛ]	'tea'
18.	ús	[us]	'use'
	us	[us]	2nd pl. pronoun

Vowel Contrasts Con't:

16.	dóna	[dónə]	'gives'
17.	jove	[ʒoβə]	'young man or woman'
18.	dona	[dónə]	'woman'
19.	però	[pə'ro]	'but, yet'
20.	còlera	[kólə'ra]	'anger'
21.	oportú	[upurtú]	'opportune'
22.	rodó	[ruðo]	'round'
23.	aturar	[ətura]	'to stop, detain'
24.	cua	[kuə]	'tail'

VV and VG Combinations:

1.	veïna	[bə'ina]	'neighbor'
2.	reina	[re'ina]	'queen'
3.	agraïa	[ə'graiə]	'to be grateful' 3rd. sing. imp. ind.
4.	reia	[re'ja]	'to laugh' 1rst. sing. imp. ind.
5.	traïdor	[trə'ido]	'traitor'
6.	paisatge	[pə'zadʒə]	'landscape'
7.	traduït	[trə'duit]	'to translate' past part.
8.	fruit	[fru'it]	'fruit'
9.	diürn	[diurn]	'by day'
10.	viure	[bi'wre]	'to live'
11.	canviï	[kəmbii]	'change'
12.	avui	[ə'βu]	'today'

Word Final VG vs VV:

1.	déu	[de'w]	'god'
2.	dea	[de'a]	'
3.	ateu	[əte'w]	'atheist' (m)
4.	atea	[əte'a]	'atheist' (f)
5.	impiu	[impi'w]	'
6.	impia	[impi'a]	'
7.	fluida	[flu'jða]	'fluent'
8.	fluidesa	[flu'ideza]	'fluency'

Consonants:

1.	prop	[prə'p]	'near'
2.	dubte	[dubte]	'doubt'
3.	calb	[kalp]	'bald'
4.	tort	[tort]	'crooked, bent'
5.	estar	[ista]	'to be'
6.	vàlid	[ba'lit]	'valid'
7.	cala	[kala]	'cove'
8.	ocòrrer	[ukə're]	'to happen'
9.	cuc	[kuk]	'worm'

10.	vine	[biˈnə]	‘come’ 2nd sing. imp.
11.	tomba	[toˈmbə]	‘tomb, grave’
12.	canvi	[kaˈmbi]	‘change’
13.	poble	[pəbːlə]	‘village’
14.	obvi	[oˈbi]	‘obvious’
15.	déu	[dɛw]	‘god’
16.	tanda	[taˈnda]	‘shift / change’
17.	glop	[ɡlɔp]	‘sip, mouthful’
18.	ungla	[uŋɡlə]	‘nail’
19.	grumeig	[ɡrumɛiʃ]	‘bait’
20.	segle	[sɛɡlɛ]	‘century’
21.	arreglar	[əˈrɛɡla]	‘to adjust, arrange’

Fricatives:

1.	fang	[faŋ]	‘mud’
2.	desfer	[dɛsfej]	‘to undo’
3.	afalagar	[əfuləɣa]	‘to spoil’
4.	baf	[baf]	‘vapour’
5.	sap	[sɔp]	‘
6.	cansar	[kansə]	‘to tire’
7.	ciencia	[siɛnsiə]	‘science’
8.	rossa	[rosə]	‘blond’
9.	zona	[zɔnə]	‘zone’
10.	pesat	[pɛzat]	‘heavy’
11.	desdir	[dɛzdi]	‘to be inappropriate’
12.	enfonsar	[ɛmfunza]	‘to sink’
13.	rave	[raβə]	‘radish’
14.	marbre	[marβrɛ]	‘marble’
15.	biblia	[biβliə]	‘bible’
16.	mida	[miðə]	‘measure’
17.	rodó	[ruðo]	‘round’
18.	corda	[kɔrðə]	‘string, rope’
19.	pregar	[prɛɣə]	‘to pray’
20.	orgue	[oɾɛɣə]	‘organ’
21.	ègloga	[ɛsloɣə]	‘ecologue’
22.	agre	[agrɛ]	‘sour, rough’
23.	desgràcia	[dɛzɣɾasiə]	‘misfortune’
24.	caixa	[kaʃə]	‘box’
25.	guix	[giʃ]	‘
26.	xàfec	[ʃafək]	‘squal, shower’
27.	panxa	[paŋʃə]	‘belly’
28.	jardi	[ʒərði]	‘garden’
29.	raja	[raʒə]	‘to spout, gush’ 3rd. pres.
30.	marge	[marʒə]	‘border’
31.	potser	[putse]	‘perhaps’
32.	ràpids	[rapits]	‘rapid, swift’
33.	dotze	[dɔdzɛ]	‘twelve’
34.	atzar	[ədzar]	‘chance’

35.	cotxe	[kótʃə]	'car'
36.	mig	[mitʃ]	'half, middle'
37.	raig	[raɪʃ]	'ray'
38.	viatge	[biadʒə]	'journey'
39.	desitja	[dəzidʒə]	'desire'

Laterals:

1.	lògic	[lòʒik]	'logic'
2.	vil	[bil]	'mean, low, vile'
3.	malalt	[maɫaɫ]	'ill'
4.	escola	[əskɔɫə]	'school'
5.	atleta	[əli:ɛtə]	'athlete'
6.	collegi	[kul:ɛʒi]	'school'
7.	palla	[paɫə]	'straw'
8.	aquells	[əkɛɫs]	'that'
9.	llibre	[liβrə]	'book'
10.	llull	[ɫuɫ]	'
11.	espatlla	[əspɑɫ:ə]	'shoulder'
12.	cara	[kaɾə]	'face'
13.	gran	[grɑŋ]	'great, large'
14.	narrar	[nəɾɑ]	'to narrate'
15.	ric	[rik]	'rich'
16.	cor	[kɔɾ]	'heart, core'
17.	merla	[mɛɾla]	'blackbird'
18.	enrera	[ənɾɛɾə]	'backwards'

Nasals:

1.	mal	[maɫ]	'bad'
2.	minyó	[miɲɔ]	'boy'
3.	canvi	[kambi]	'change'
4.	infern	[iɲfɛrn]	'hell'
5.	immens	[im:ɛns]	'immense'
6.	ritme	[ri:mə]	'rhythm'
7.	submari	[sum:əri]	'submarine'
8.	nas	[nas]	'nose'
9.	nau	[naw]	'ship'
10.	nyanyo	[ɲaɲo]	'bump, lump'
11.	anyorar	[əɲɔɾɑ]	'
12.	any	[aɲ]	'year'
13.	anyell	[əɲɛɫ]	'lamb'

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