

In writing foreign words in Tagalog, the following guide will be handy:

			Spanish:	Tagalog:	English:
Hard c	is changed to <i>k</i>	as in	<i>calesa</i>	<i>kalésa</i>	<i>rig</i>
Soft c	is changed to <i>s</i>	as in	<i>circo</i>	<i>sirko</i>	<i>circus</i>
ch	is changed to <i>ts</i>	as in	<i>lechón</i>	<i>litson</i>	<i>roast pig</i>
f	is changed to <i>p</i>	as in	<i>Filipinas</i>	<i>Pilipinas</i>	<i>Philippines</i>
j	is changed to <i>h</i>	as in	<i>cajón</i>	<i>kahón</i>	<i>box, drawer</i>
	or to <i>s</i>	as in	<i>jabón</i>	<i>sabón</i>	<i>soap</i>
ll	is changed to <i>ly</i>	as in	<i>calle</i>	<i>kálye</i>	<i>street</i>
q	is changed to <i>k'</i>	as in	<i>maquina</i>	<i>mákina</i>	<i>machine</i>
v	is changed to <i>b</i>	as in	<i>vapor</i>	<i>bapór</i>	<i>steamship</i>
x	is changed to <i>ks</i>	as in	<i>taxi</i>	<i>táksi</i>	<i>taxi</i>
z	is changed to <i>s</i>	as in	<i>lapiz</i>	<i>lápís</i>	<i>pencil</i>

Here are some foreign words written in Tagalog. You can easily recognize them. In reading, stress the accented syllables.

<i>alkohól</i>	<i>otél</i>	<i>piyáno</i>	<i>tabáko</i>
<i>aluminyo</i>	<i>tenis</i>	<i>rádyo</i>	<i>sigarílyo</i>
<i>awtomóbil</i>	<i>ópera</i>	<i>telépono</i>	<i>wiski</i>
<i>bángko</i>	<i>orkésta</i>	<i>propagánda</i>	<i>makinilya</i>
<i>kapé</i>	<i>pasapóрте</i>	<i>restaurán</i>	<i>seménto</i>
<i>klub</i>	<i>ponógrapo</i>	<i>sine</i>	<i>yéro</i>
<i>gas</i>	<i>plástik</i>	<i>bentiladór</i>	<i>telebisyon</i>

and the names of days:

Lúnes
Martés
Miyérkules
Huwébes
Biyérnes
Sábado
Linggó

and of months:

Inéro
Pebréro
Márso
Abríl
Máyo
Húnyo
Húlyo

Agósto
Setyémbre
Oktúbre
Nubyémbre
Disyémbre