Dipthongs (Vowel Combinations)

au "ow" as in ouch eu or äu "oy" as in boy

ei or ai or ay "eye"

ie "e" (the English "e")

oe same as ö - this is its altermate spelling ue same as ü - this is its altermate spelling ä same as ä - this is its altermate spelling

Consonant Cominations

sch "sh"
st "sht"
sp "shp"
schw "shv"
qu "kv"
zw "tsv"