

# Les sons et les lettres



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## Liaisons

Consonants at the end of French words are generally silent but are usually pronounced when the word that follows begins with a vowel sound. This linking of sounds is called a liaison.

**À tout à l'heure!**

**Comment allez-vous?**

An s or an x in a liaison sounds like the letter z.

les étudiants

trois élèves

six élèves

deux hommes

Always make a liaison between a subject pronoun and a verb that begins with a vowel sound; always make a liaison between an article and a noun that begins with a vowel sound.

nous aimons

ils ont

un étudiant

les ordinateurs

Always make a liaison between **est** (a form of **être**) and a word that begins with a vowel or a vowel sound. Never make a liaison with the final consonant of a proper name.

Robert ~~est~~ anglais.

Paris ~~est~~ exceptionnelle.

Never make a liaison with the conjunction **et** (and).

Carole ~~et~~ Hélène

Jacques ~~et~~ Antoinette

Never make a liaison between a singular noun and an adjective that follows it.

un cours ~~horrible~~

un instrument ~~élégant~~

### Prononcez Practice saying these words and expressions aloud.

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| 1. un examen     | 4. dix acteurs     | 7. des informations | 10. Bernard aime     |
| 2. des étudiants | 5. Paul et Yvette  | 8. les études       | 11. chocolat italien |
| 3. les hôtels    | 6. cours important | 9. deux hommes      | 12. Louis est        |

### Articulez Practice saying these sentences aloud.

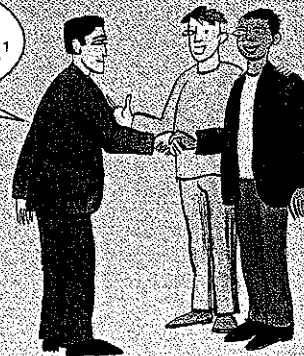
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| 1. Nous aimons les arts.       | 4. Sylvie est avec Anne.             |
| 2. Albert habite à Paris.      | 5. Ils adorent les deux universités. |
| 3. C'est un objet intéressant. |                                      |

### Dictons Practice reading these sayings aloud.

Les amis de nos amis sont nos amis.<sup>1</sup>

Un hôte non invité doit apporter son siège.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Friends of our friends are our friends.  
<sup>2</sup> An uninvited guest must bring his own chair.



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