

Les sons et les lettres



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The French alphabet

The French alphabet is made up of the same 26 letters as the English alphabet. While they look the same, some letters are pronounced differently. They also sound different when you spell.

lettre	exemple	lettre	exemple	lettre	exemple
a (a)	adresse	j (ji)	justice	s (esse)	spécial
b (bé)	banane	k (ka)	kilomètre	t (té)	table
c (cé)	carotte	l (elle)	lion	u (u)	unique
d (dé)	dessert	m (emme)	mariage	v (vé)	vidéo
e (e)	rebelle	n (enne)	nature	w (double vé)	wagon
f (effe)	fragile	o (o)	olive	x (iks)	xylophone
g (gé)	genre	p (pé)	personne	y (i grec)	yoga
h (hache)	héritage	q (ku)	quiche	z (zède)	zéro
i (i)	innocent	r (erre)	radio		

Notice that some letters in French words have accents. You'll learn how they influence pronunciation in later lessons. Whenever you spell a word in French, include the name of the accent after the letter. For double letters, use **deux**: **ss = deux s**.

accent	nom	exemple	orthographe
ˆ	accent aigu	identité	I-D-E-N-T-I-T-E-accent aigu
˘	accent grave	problème	P-R-O-B-L-E-accent grave-M-E
ˆ	accent circonflexe	hôpital	H-O-accent circonflexe-P-I-T-A-L
¨	tréma	naïve	N-A-I-tréma-V-E
ˆ	cétille	ça	C-cédille-A

L'alphabet Practice saying the French alphabet and example words aloud.

Ça s'écrit comment? Spell these words aloud in French.

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| 1. judo | 5. existe | 9. musique | 13. différence |
| 2. yacht | 6. clown | 10. favorite | 14. intelligent |
| 3. forêt | 7. numéro | 11. kangourou | 15. dictionnaire |
| 4. zèbre | 8. français | 12. parachute | 16. alphabet |

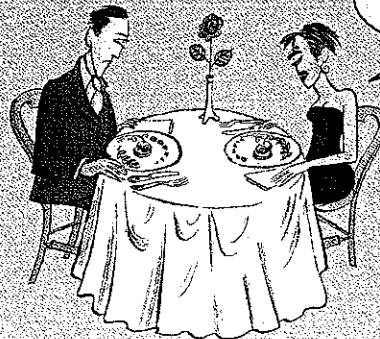
Dictons Practice reading these sayings aloud.

Tout est bien qui finit bien.²



Lundi Mardi

Grande invitation, petites portions.¹



Great, boast, small roast.
All's well that ends well.

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