

Letter	Pronunciation	Example Word	Translation
Aa	ah	Ami	Friend
Bb	bay	Bonbon	Candy
Cc	say	Chat	Cat
Dd	day	Dent	Tooth
Ee	uh	Eau	Water
Ff	eff	Fille	Girl
Gg	zhay	Gâteau	Cake
Hh	ahsh	Homme	Man
Ii	ee	Île	Island
Jj	zhee	Jambe	Leg
Kk	kah	Kangourou	Kangaroo
Ll	ell	Lait	Milk
Mm	emm	Maison	House
Nn	enn	Nuit	Night
Oo	oh	Oiseau	Bird
Pp	pay	Pain	Bread
Qq	koo	Quatre	Four
Rr	air (rolled R)	Rouge	Red
Ss	ess	Soleil	Sun
Tt	tay	Table	Table
Uu	oo (rounded lips)	Université	University
Vv	vay	Vin	Wine
Ww	doo-bluh-vay	Wagon	WagonCart
Xx	eeks	Taxi	Taxi
Yy	ee-grek	Yeux	Eyes
Zz	zed	Zèbre	Zebra

Accents Pt1

Character	Type	Pronunciation	Explanation
À à	Accent grave	ah (as in 'father')	Indicates a change in meaning, as in à (to)
Â â	Accent circonflexe	ah (stressed, as in 'pale')	Stressed vowel, as in pâle (pale)
Ç ç	Cédille	Soft S sound (as in 'garçon')	Softens C to an S sound, as in garçon (boy)
É é	Accent aigu	ay (as in 'play')	Sharp E sound, as in école (school)
È è	Accent grave	eh (as in 'bed')	Open E sound, as in père (father)
Ê ê	Accent circonflexe	eh (stressed, nasalized)	Stressed vowel, as in forêt (forest)
Ë ë	Tréma	Separate vowel, pronounced distinctly (e.g., 'No-ël')	Indicates separate vowel sounds, as in Noël (Christmas)

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Accents Pt2

Character	Type	Pronunciation	Explanation
Î î	Accent circonflexe	ee (as in 'machine')	Stressed vowel, as in île (island)
Ï ï	Tréma	ee (as in 'naïve')	Indicates separate vowel sounds, as in naïve (naive)
Ô ô	Accent circonflexe	oh (stressed, as in 'more')	Stressed vowel, as in hôtel (hotel)
Ù ù	Accent grave	oo (as in 'moon')	Indicates a change in meaning, as in où (where)
Û û	Accent circonflexe	oo (stressed, rounded lips)	Stressed vowel, as in sûr (sure)
Ü ü	Tréma	oo (as in 'über')	Indicates separate vowel sounds, as in über (German loanword)
Æ æ	Ligature	ah-eh (blended sound)	Historic Latin ligature, as in cœur (rare, historic)
Œ œ	Ligature	uh or eu (rounded, like 'sœur')	Combined OE sound, as in sœur (sister)

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