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SIGNS USED IN THE TRANSCRIPTION OF VOWELS:

i=i in *épi*.
é=é in *bébé*.
ae=ai in *faire, plaire*.
a=e in *retard*.
e=e in *ciel*.
ê=a sound midway between *é* and *e*.
â=a in *madame*.
a=a in *âme*.
ø=eau in *beau*.
ø=o in *joli*.
ö=en in *peu*.
u=ou in *cou*.
ü=u in *lune*.
û=u in *puis*.
j=i in hiatus in *lien*.
w=w in *Eng. ware*.

NASAL VOWELS:

ã=a in *pan*.
ẽ=u in *humble*.
õ=o in *son*.
ẽ=in *Amiens*.
æ̃=a semi-nasal sound midway between the pure vowel *a* and the nasal sound of the same (*an*).

THE CONSONANTS:

b=b in *balance*.
č=ch in *Eng. church*.
d=d in *Didier*.
f=f in *frère*.
g=g in *garde*.
h=h in *Eng. home*.
k=c in *campagne*.
l=l in *louvre*.
m=m in *mordre*.
n=n in *nappe*.
ñ=gn in *It. ragno*.
p=p in *père*.
r=r in *rat*.
s=c in *ciel*.
š=ch in *chat*.
t=t in *terre*.
v=v in *voleur*.
z=s in *casier*.
ž=j in *jamais*.