

an, am like nasalized [ɑ] as described above — Symbol [ā]: **tant** [tā],
en, em tante [tā:t], **gant** [gā], **an** [ā], **viande** [vjā:d], **ehamp** [jā], **en**
 [ī], **enere** [ā:kr], **temps** [tā], **sembler** [sāble].

EXCEPTIONS: **en** = [ē], see **ain**, etc., below, in some forms of **tenir**, **venir**, as a final sound, and in some other words: **vient** [vjē], **tiendrai** [tjēdre], **bien** [bjē], **examen** [egzamē], **chien** [ʃjē], **Benjamin** [bēʒamē].

NOTE. — Observe **ennui** [ānqi], **emmener** [āmne], with doubled **n**, **m**, and **enivrer** [ānivre].

ain, aim like nasalized [ɛ] as explained above — Symbol [ē]: **pain** [pē],
ein, eim **faim** [fē], **plein** [plē], **peindre** [pē:dr], **Reims** [rēs], **pin** [pē],
in, im **prince** [prēs:s], **jardin** [ʒardē], **simple** [sē:pl], **impossible**
yn, ym [ēposibl], **syntaxe** [sētaks], **symbole** [sēbōl].

NOTE. — Observe also the same sound in **tinmes** [tā:m], **vinmes** [vā:m].

on, om like nasalized [ɔ] as explained above — Symbol [ō]: **bon** [bō],
onele [ō:kl], **mon** [mō], **ont** [ō], **leçon** [lā:ʃō], **tomber** [tōbe],
ombre [ō:br], **compter** [kōte].

EXCEPTION: **on** in **monsieur** = [ə]: **monsieur** [mæsje].

un, um like nasalized [œ] as explained above — Symbol [œ̃]: **un** [œ̃],
eun **chaeun** [ʃakœ̃], **emprunter** [āprœ̃te], **parfum** [parfœ̃], **à**
jeun [a ʒœ̃].

oin for the sound of **oin**, see Semi-Vowels, below.

L. — Semi-Vowels

When **i**, **y**, **ou** do not of themselves form a syllable, but come before another vowel sound in the same syllable, they are pronounced with greater rapidity and tenseness of the vocal organs concerned, thus assuming a partially consonantal value, as described below, thus:

i, y like very brief and foreible **y** in 'yes' — Symbol [j]: **viande**
 [vjā:d], **hier** [jē:r], **fier** [fjē:r], **bien** [bjē], **faience** [fajā:s],
yeux [jō], **ayez** [ejē], **payer** [pejē], **Lyon** [ljō].

ou like very brief and tense **w** in 'we,' with close lip rounding and protrusion, as for whistling — Symbol [w]: **oui** [wi],
jouer [ʒwe], **louer** [lwe], **Louis** [lwi].

NOTE. — When **u** of **gu**, **qu** (usually silent) is pronounced, as it sometimes is, it has the sound [w] before **a** in some words: **lingual** [lāgwā], **équateur** [ekwatœ:r].

oi, of have the sound of [w]+[a] or [ɑ], the latter usually after **r**, and in a few other words: **moi** [mwa], **voici** [vwasi], **bolte**