

- sc** always like **s** (1): science [sjãs], scène [sœn].
- t** (1) regularly like **t** in 'time,' but with the tongue advanced as for [d] — Symbol [t]: ta [ta], patte [pat], ton [tõ], tes [te], tante [tãt], écouter [ekute], lettre [letr], sept [set], huit [qit].
 (2) but in words whose English forms have the **sh** or **cy** sound **t**=**[s]**: nation [nasjõ], patience [pasjãs], prophétie [prõfesi], etc.
 NOTE. — **t** is always silent in **et** (conjunction).
- th** always like **t** (1): thé [te], théâtre [teãtr].
- v** always like **v** in 'five,' fully voiced — Symbol [v]: va [va], cave [kav], voilà [vwala], vous [vu], pauvre [po:vr], trouver [truve].
- w** (1) like [v], in some English and German words: wagon [vagõ], Wagram [vagram], etc.
 (2) like [w], in some English words: tramway [tramwe], etc.
- x** (1) usually =**[ks]**: extrême [ekstre:m], excellent [ekselã].
 (2) in **ex-** followed by a vowel **x**=**[gz]**: exemple [egzã:pl or egzã:pl], exercice [egzersis or egzersis].
 EXCEPTIONS: 1. **x**=**[s]** in six [sis], soixante [swasã:t] and rarer words. 2. **x**=**[z]** in deuxième [døzjem], sixième [sizjem], dixième [dizjem], dix-huit [diz qit], dix-neuf [diz nõef], etc.
- z** like **s** (2) above: onze [õ:z], zone [zo:n], gaz [ga:z].

N. — Liaison

In a group of words closely connected grammatically, a final consonant sound is usually joined in pronunciation with a following word beginning with a vowel or **h** mute (*liaison* = "linking," "joining"):

1. Certain consonants change their sound in liaison, thus: **d**=**t**, **f** (in *neuf*)=**v**, **g**=**k**, **s** or **x**=**z**; moreover, the **n** of a nasal is joined, and the nasal sometimes loses its nasality.

2. The groups requiring liaison are:

(a) Article, noun, adjective: un homme [ã nõm], les autres plumes [le zo:tr plym], bon ami [bõ nami].

(b) Adjective, noun: petit enfant [pøti tãfã], petits enfants [pøti zãfã], dix ans [di zã], sang humain [sã kymẽ], des hommes aimables [de zõm zemabl].

(c) Adverb, adjective or adverb: très âgé [trẽ zaʒe], fort habilement [fõr tabilmã].