

at the end of the first syllable as, in *mena*, *frelata*, etc.; and in the middle of words when following *l* or *r* preceded by another consonant as in *autrement*, *horriblement*, etc.; 2nd, that of *ay* in *day*, before a double consonant, also before *e*, *f*, *l*, *p*, *r*, *s*, *x*, and before *un*, *un*, and *n* final, as in: *terre*, *pelle*, *avec*, *nef*, *ser*, *extase*, *indemne*, *décemvir*, *harem*, etc.

Ê, ê, ACUTE.—Name, *eh*; sound, like the English word *eh*.
Examples:

Arrivé Ar-eev-eh Arrived. | Vérité Veh-ree-teh Truth.

Ê, ê, GRAVE.—Name, *ay*; sound, like the letters *ay* in the English word *day*. Examples:

Colère Ko-lair Passionate. | Madère Mad-air Madeira.

Ê, ê, CIRCUMFLEX.—Name, *a*; sound, like the letter *a* in the English word *fame*.

Ê has a longer and broader sound than *ê*.

I, i.—Name, *EE*, *ee*; sound, like the letters *ee* in the English word *see*.

This vowel receives but one kind of accent, the circumflex, viz.:—*î*, *ï*, and has two sounds, viz., long and short; long, as *ee* in the English word *feet*, and short, like *i* in the English word *pin*, or nearly like it. It becomes *nasal* in combination with the letters *m* and *n*, in which case the character of its own sound is completely changed. Examples:

Lime Leem File. | Liquide Lee-keed Liquid.

Î, î, CIRCUMFLEX.—Name, *EE*, *ee*; sound, like the letters *ee* in the English word *feet*; sound prolonged. Examples:

Abîme Ab-eem Abyss. | Gîte Zheet Lodging-place.

O, o.—The *o* has, in French, three different sounds: short, as in *cob*; broad and prolonged, as in *cord*; and full, as in *coat*. The short sound, as in *cob*, is the most common one. The *o* has a broad and prolonged sound, as in *cord*, when followed by an *r*, thus—*castor*, *encore*, etc. The full sound, as in *coat*, is always given to the *o* when it has a circumflex accent over it. It is also full when final, as in *coco*, *loto*, etc., and when followed by a mute consonant, as in *mot*, *dos*, etc.

EXAMPLES OF THE SHORT SOUND:

Bloc Blok Block. | Gobelet Go-blay Cup.

EXAMPLES OF THE BROAD, PROLONGED SOUND:

Castor Kas-tor Beaver. | Essor Es-sor Flight.

EXAMPLES OF THE FULL SOUND ACCENTED:

Dépôt Deh-po Storehouse. | Rôle Role Part.

EXAMPLES OF THE FULL SOUND UNACCENTED:

Mot Mo Word. | Zéro Zeh-ro Zero.

U, u.—Name, *U*, *u*; sound, nearly like the letter *u* in the English word *brunette*.