

HINTS ON FRENCH PRONUNCIATION.

Simple Vowels in French.	Close equivalent in English.	Examples.
a (short)	a in fat	gorage
â, as, (long)	a in kugl.	nas, hâte
e es eât ê ed er es ai è é	(mute) e in celery	repas, me passent
(short)	ê in café	blé, nez, pied mai, haie
(long)	a in paste or e in were	tête, peine, hoïne, paye
e+double consonant and in monosyllables	ai in air or e in bell	mer, fer pelle, sel
i } (short and middle)	i in knit or i in machine	terre miât, ville y, amie
i (long)	ee in eel	île, gîte
o (short and middle)	o in pot	tuyan, col
u (short)		
û (long)	No similar sound in English. Bring lips together as if to whistle.	le mur la rue

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ô, os } (long)	o in note	mots, eaux, dépôts
éauz }		
eu } (short)	ou in enough or u in fuss	arf bœuf feu, jeu
au }	oo in coo { ue in sue { oo in fool	coup, rouge houe foule
ou (short)	Unknown in Eng.	
ou (long)		
<i>Nasal Vowels</i>		
am, an }		enfant,
em, en }		blanc, sang
im, in }		pin, pain,
ain, ien }		bien
om, on }		ombre, long, pont
um, un }		alun, un
<i>Liquid Vowels</i>		
a+il(le)	ä+yë	travail
e+il(le)	ê+yë	soleil
i+lle	î+yë	fille
eu+il(le)	u (fuss) +yë	feuille
ou+il(le)	oo+yë	fouiller
oi	wa in wasp	loi, Roi
oin	o+in (nasal)	loin, coin

Diphthongs—The respective value of the vowels must be preserved, sounding the second clearly, whilst merely touching the first.

ia	fiacre	ieu	lieu
ie	pied	ion	espion
io	pioche	iou	pioupiou
ien	lien	ui	conduire