

Rules of French Pronunciation

Pronunciation Examples

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1. "é" sounds	ay	été (Summer), éternué (sneezed)
2. "è" "ê" sound	eh	forêt (forest),
3. Do not sound "s", "x" nor "t" at end of word		trois (3), bateaux (boat), abricot (apricot)
4. Do not sound "ent" at end of verbs (Caution: it does not have to be a verb!)		ils chantent (they sing), ils regardent (they watch)
5. Verbs ending in "er" sound	ay	Chanter (to sing), jouer (to play)
6. Words ending in "ez" sound	ay	vous avez (you have), chez (at someone's house)
7. "ui" sounds	wee	cuisine (kitchen), fruit (fruit)
8. "oi" sounds	wa	trois (3), foie (liver)
9. "ch" sounds	sh	champagne, chien (dog),
10. "ou" sounds	oo	hibou (owl), joujou (toy)