

THE PRONUNCIATION

Alphabet

A		B	bee	C	cee	D	dee	E	ee
F		G		H		I		J	
K		L		M		N		O	
P	pee	Q		R		S		T	
U		V		W		X		Y	
Z									

Vowels

a, â	ah	Bag	Sac (bag)
e, eu, oeu	...	Butter	Cheveu (hair)
i, y	ee	...	Midi (noon)
o, au, eau	...	More	Vélo (bike)
u	...	...	Minute (minute)
é, ay, er, et	...	...	Blé (wheat)
è, ê, ei, ë, ai, aî	...	...	Tête (head)
ou	...	Bush	Bouche (mouth)
oi	...	Quinoa	Choix (choice)
ui	...	We	Fruit (fruit)
on	...	...	Bon (good)
en, an	...	...	Enfant (children)
in, un, ain, ein	...	French	Matin (morning)

Consonants

c	S or K	Silence, quick	Cerise (cherry) : S Cadre (frame) : K
gn	...	Inconvenient	Mignon (cute)
r	Rrr (tiger sound ;)	/////	Restaurant, Laure
w	V	Vehicule	Wagon (wagon)
ch	Sh	Channel	Chaussure (shoe)
s	S or Z	Silence, zoo	Serieux (serious) : S Maison (house) : Z
ss	S	Silence	Poisson (fish)
ll	l	Culture	Ballon (ball)

H → not pronounced at the beginning of a word, exemple: Haricot (bean), Havane (cuba's capital)

The biggest difficulties

R, U, nasal vowels (chanson (song)), accents (é, è..), silent letters (plurals words, or for example the word jus (juice)) , silent H (halo), the liaisons, (vous avez, un homme ...), the contractions (l'abricot (the apricot), l'électricité (the electricity), l'homme (the man) ...)