

PHONÉTIQUES FRANÇAISES

1. La liaison – part 1: when a word ends with an 's' and the following word begins with a vowel, the 's' makes a soft 'z' sound.
 - a. Nous avons
 - b. Ils ont

2. La liaison – part 2: when a word end with a 't' and the following word begins with a vowel, the two words are said/pronounced as one word.
 - a. Il est un


3. One 's' or two: when there is only one 's' in a word it is pronounced as a 'z' sound. When there are two 's' side together in a word it makes a hard 's' sound.
 - a. visage
 - b. poisson

4. STPD – the silent last letter: the last letter of many French words is not pronounced.
 - a. dans
 - b. petit
 - c. trop
 - d. nord

5. Eau/eaux: these letter combinations sound like 'oh' in English

6. Double consonant + e: when there is a double consonant followed by an 'e', we pronounce the double consonant.
 - a. Je m'appelle
 - b. moufette

7. Sneaky vowels: often the 'h' will act as a vowel

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8. Silent ending 'ent': when a verb (usually in 3rd person plural) ends in 'ent', we do not pronounce the 'ent'
- parlent
 - mangent
9. Not so silent ending 'ent': when an adverb ends in 'ent' is pronounced and is the equivalent to English adverbs ending in 'ly'.
- lentenment
 - doucement
10. 'é' and 'er' are pronounced like the letter A (name of) in English
11. ir, at the end of infinitive verbs are pronounced like 'ear' in English