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# PRONUNCIATION

The English alphabet:

a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z



General pronunciation tips  
for native speakers of French:

- 1) **When you conjugate a verb in the preterit, we need to hear the 'ed' at the end of the words: examples: contested, drafted, participated, reminded),**
- 2) **Don't insert an 'h' sound at the beginning of common words that do not have an 'h': Examples: ask, our, all, etc.**

## A

April, analyze vs. analysis, angry vs. hungry (I'm angry because I'm **h**ungry), ate vs. hate, appeal, acquire, acquirer, ack**k**nowledgement,

## B

Bought (not "boat")

## C

Ceiling vs. selling vs. sailing, clause, clientele, cause, cyclical, cough (“tousser”), criminal,

## D

Determine, debt, doubt,

## E

et seq. (“et suivants”), examine, equivalent,

## F

File vs. fill, filing vs. filling vs. feeling, frequent (pronounced like “freqwent”),

## G

Guarantee (we do not pronounce the ‘u’)

## H

Her vs. hair (“I love her hair”), hyphen (pronounced ‘hi-fen’), hierarchy,

## I

Incur (not ‘incure’),

**J, K:** no words

## L

Law vs. low, letter vs. latter (ce(s) dernier(s)) vs. later, leave vs. live, level (not 'leevel'), lack vs. lake, 3 common words that end in "ld": could/would/should (we don't pronounce the 'l' in these 3 words).

## M

Months,

**N** — no words

## O

our vs. hour (the 2 words are pronounced the same way)

## P

Personal vs. personnel, pursuant= "conformément à" (pronounced like 'per-soo-ent') , plan vs. plane ("I plan to take a plane"), promise, parliament (we don't pronounce the 'i')

**Q** — no words

## R

Receipt, recogngition we need to hear the 'g', recitals,

## S

Subtle (pronounced 'suh-tel'), sue vs. sued vs. suit, scheme, sale vs. sail vs. sell,

## T

Threshold, thesis, tribunal, typo (pronounced 'tie-po'), throughout, though vs. thought, taught (pronounced like 'tawt')

## U

Usual (pronounced like 'you juh well')

## V

Variety (variété), varied ("varié", pronounced like 'var-eed'),

## W

Walk vs. work ('I walk to work'), writing vs. written, were vs./where ("Where were you?"), whole vs. hole (the 2 words are pronounced exactly the same way)

**X, Y, Z** — no words