



FRENCH Learning ONLINE

Learning French Lesson – 2

Welcome to the second chapter of free french courses online! Today we'll talk about the linguistic characteristic of French.

A. THE LINGUISTIC CHARACTERISTICS OF FRENCH

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Learning French could be a hard journey, but you should pay attention and be patient. Before the beginning, you should learn the alphabet.

1. The French Alphabet (Alphabet français)

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| N /ehn/ | n |
| O /oh/ | o |
| P /peh/ | p |
| Q /keoo/ | q |
| R /ehr/ | r |
| S /ess/ | s |
| T /teh/ | t |
| U /eew/ | u |
| V /veh/ | v |



W /doobluh veh/ w

X /eeks/ x

Y /ee grehk/ y

Z /zehd/ z

There are 26 letters (typefaces) in the French alphabet. According to its reading, it is as given in the table below:

Capital and lowercase letters (Majuscules et Minuscules)

A /ah/ a

B /beh/ b

C /seh/ c

D /deh/ d

E /uh/ e

F /eff/ f

G /zheh/ g

H /ah-sh/ h

I /ee/ i

J /zhee/ j

K /kah/ k

L /ell/ l

M /ehm/ m

Although not shown as a separate letter, the writing unit "ç" exists in French (like garçon) and is called "c cédille".

Consonants

Vowels

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



2. Liaison in Speech (Liaison)

You wonder how to learn French like how French people talk! But remember that, in French, the words in the sentence are sometimes spoken by being linked to each other in pronunciation. For example, the normally unreadable -s sound at the end of “vous” (you), if a word that begins with the vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y) comes after vous (you), it is added to the next word, vous avez (z_ /). In liaison;

- -s and -x at the end are spoken as “-z”;
- the sound "-d" at the end is spoken as "-t”;
- the letter -f in the word "neuf" is pronounced as -v;
- Liaison to the next word is made without changing the sound at the end.

This situation, called liaison, is sometimes compulsory, sometimes forbidden, and sometimes optional.

a) *Situations Where Liaison Is Mandatory*

Required between the determinant and the name. This can be an adjective, an adjective or an adverb that complements:

| Article | Noun | Meaning |
|----------|-----------|---------------|
| Les | enfants | children |
| Mon | ami | my friend |
| Un petit | enfant | a small child |
| Un | oiseau | a bird |
| Six | étudiants | six students |
| Neuf | ans | nine years |
| Grand | événement | big event |
| Cet | homme | that man |

Best way to learn French is trying to speak. You could try to pronounce!

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