



## Learning French Lesson -3

Today, we'll talk about the liaison in French which you can do it optionally. For beginners, that could be a little hard but as the intonation of French, that sounds really good. This is the 3rd chapter of the French basic grammar course. We hope that you learn something till now! Let's take a look!

You can see the program that we declare and this course is "Situations where liaison is forbidden" which is "b".

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### A. THE AUDIO-SCIENTIFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF FRENCH

#### 1. French Alphabet (Alphabet français)

##### a) Situations where liaison is required

##### *b) Situations where liaison is forbidden*

#### 2. Liaison in Speech (Liaison)

#### 3. Liaison in Writing and Speech. (Elision)

#### 4. Cutting the Syllable in the Word. (Decoupage des Mots)

#### 5. Punctuation (Ponctuation)

#### 6. Accents (Accents)

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Let's start!

#### b) Situations Where Liaison Is Forbidden

While speaking French, in some cases, the liaison mentioned in our previous lesson above is not used:

- *The consonant at the end of a word is not spoken when a word begins with a consonant or with an "h" that is read after it, and no pronunciation is made in the next word:*

Mes frères (My brothers)

Trop bruyant (Too noisy)

Les hors-d'oeuvre (Appetizers)

- *The consonant that comes after the "-r" sound is not pronounced with the vowel after it or the unreadable "h".*

le nord-est (the North-east)

bord à bord (edge to edge)

de part en part (from side to side)

- *After singular words with unreadable consonants (-s, -p, -x, -t) at the end, no liaison is made:*

un tapis agréable (a nice carpet)

un coup étonnant (an amazing shot)

un prix abordable (an affordable price)

- *The letter in front of "h" is not pronounced. This letter (h) is denoted in dictionaries with a "\*" prefix. The pronounced "h" does not mean it will be pronounced as in English, "h" in French is not pronounced in any way.*

des huttes (huts)

les Halles (halls)

des hourras (cheers)

des haricots (Beans)

des héros (heroes)

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- *In French basic grammar, there is no pronunciation in front of the words **onze**, **oui**, **yaourt** and **yoga**:*

Il est onze heures. (It's eleven o'clock.)

J'aime tous les yaourts. (I like all yogurts.)

Vos onze questions. (Your eleven questions.)

- *Even if the vowel comes after the conjunctions of "et" (and) and "mais" (but), **no liaison** is made:*

Paul et Aline (Paul and Aline)

Toi et elle (You and she)

Mais oui (But yes)

Mais elle est malade. (But she is ill.)

This is the end of this course.

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