Pronunciation Guide

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To make the French “u”, put your lips as though you were going to say “oo”, but say “ee.” This letter is shown as “ue” below.

French has some nasal vowels. “Enfant” is pronounced like “ahn-fahn”, except you start to pronounce the “n”, then don’t let your tongue touch the roof of your mouth. “Chantons” is pronounced like “shahn-tone,” but don’t let your tongue touch the roof of your mouth. The nasal sounds are shown as “ah(n)” and “oh(n)” below.

The “e” by itself, without an accent, is pronounced something like the “u” in “put" or the “oo” in “cook.” This sound is shown as “uh” below.

The consonant “j” is pronounced like the “j” or “dg” in “judge,” but don’t let your tongue touch the roof of your mouth before the “j.” This sound is shown as “zh” below.

eel eh nay, luh dih-veen ah(n)-fah(n)
zhoo-ay o-bwah, ray-zawh-nez mue-zeh-tuh
eel eh nay, luh dih-veen ah(n)-fah(n)
shah(n)-toh(n) toose sohn ah-veh-nuh-mah(n)

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