

French I

Development Module: French Alphabet Reference Chart

Letter	Name in French	Sound	French Example
Aa	(ah)	like a in f ather	a von
Bb	(bay)	like b in b oy	b é b é
Cc	(say)	before e and i, like c in c enter before a, o, or u: like c in c at	c irque c afé
Dd	(day)	like d in d og	d é
Ee	(uh)	approximately like u in bu rp	é léphant
Ff	(ehf)	like f in f og	f enêtre
Gg	(zhay)	before e and i: like s in mea s ure before a, o, or u: like g in g et	g iraffe g olfeur
Hh	(ahsh)	always silent	h ô pital
Ii	(ee)	like ea in tea m	i gloo
Jj	(zhee)	like s in mea s ure	j ardin
Kk	(kah)	like k in k ite	k oala
Ll	(ehl)	like l in l emon	l ion
Mm	(ehm)	like m in m inute	m aison
Nn	(ehn)	like n in n ote	n ez
Oo	(oh)	closed: like u in nu t open: like o in no se	o mbre o l
Pp	(pay)	like p in p en	p ain
Qq	(kew)	like k in k ite	q ueue
Rr	(ehr)	force air through the back of your throat near the position of gargling, but sounding soft	r eine
Ss	(ehs)	at the beginning of a word: like s in s ister single s: like z in z ebra double s: like s in s ister	s oupe ro s e pois ss on
Tt	(tay)	like t in t op	t able
Uu	(ew)	pucker your lips as if to say oo as in food, but say the English letter e instead	u niforme
Vv	(vay)	like v in v iolin	v iolette
Ww	(doo-bluh-vay)	like v in v iolin	w agon
Xx	(eeks)	like x in bo x like x in ex it	x i x ylophone
Yy	(ee-grehk)	like ea in tea m	y eux
Zz	(zehd)	like z in z ebra	z ebra