

Module 1: Leçons préliminaires

Topic 1 Content: French Diacritical Marks


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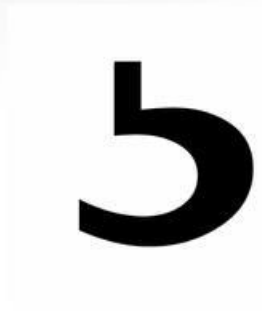
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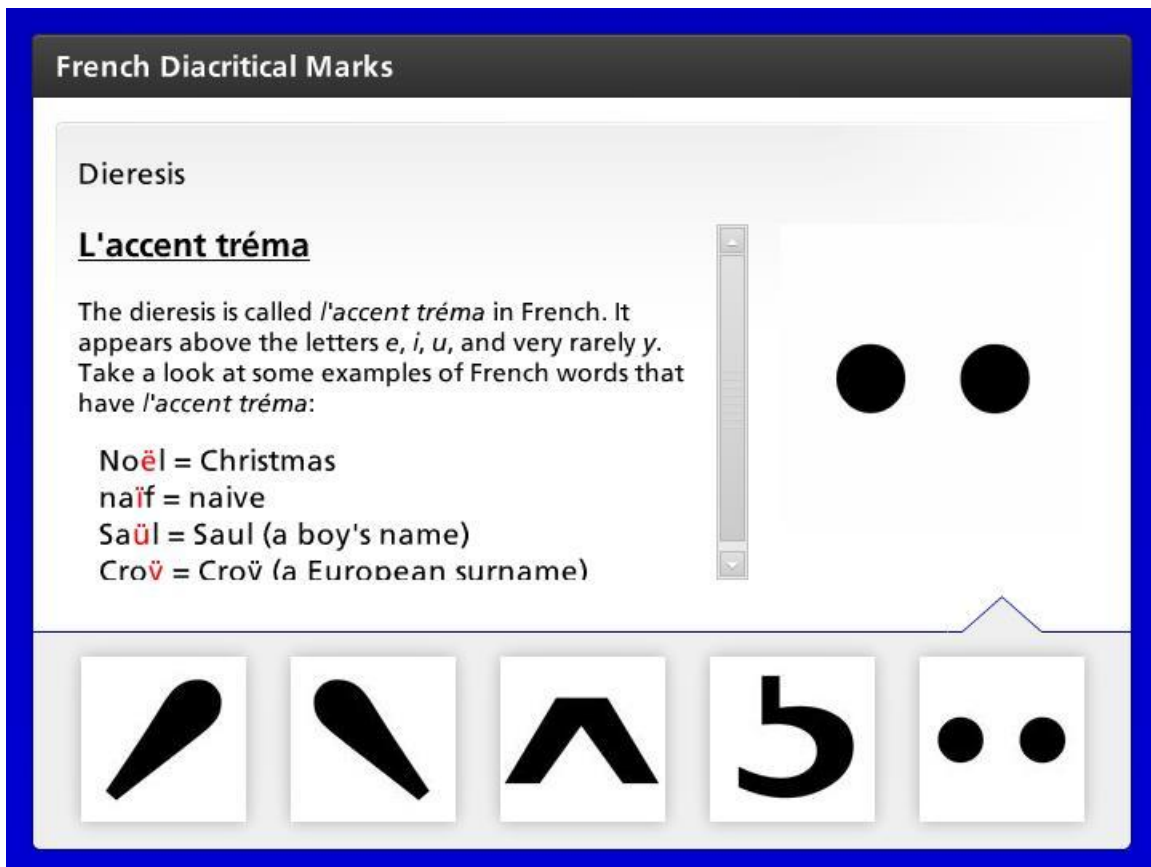
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Dieresis



The screenshot shows a software interface titled "French Diacritical Marks". Under the "Dieresis" section, it defines "L'accent tréma" and provides examples of words with this mark. To the right, there is a vertical scrollbar and a visual representation of the dieresis mark as two black dots. At the bottom, there is a row of five icons representing different diacritical marks: a grave accent, an acute accent, a circumflex accent, a tilde, and the dieresis mark.

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