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Hindi Alphabet (Devanagari Alphabet)					
अ	आ	इ	ई	उ	ऊ
a	ā	i	ī	u	ū
ओ	ए	ऋ	ऐ	औ	
o	e	r	ai	au	
क	ख	ग	घ	ङ	च
ka	kha	ga	gha	ṅa	ca
छ	ज	झ	ञ	ट	ठ
cha	ja	jha	ña	ṭa	ṭha
ड	ढ	ण	त	थ	द
ḍa	ḍha	ṇa	ta	tha	da
ध	न	फ	ब	भ	म
dha	na	pha	ba	bha	ma
य	र	ल	व	श	ष
ya	ra	la	va	śa	ṣa
स	ह	प			
sa	ha	pa			

French Alphabet					
Aa	Bb	Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff
A ah	B beh	C seh	D deh	E uh	F eff
Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll
G zheh	H ahsh	I ee	J zhee	K kah	L ell
Mm	Nn	Oo	Pp	Qq	Rr
M ern	N en	O oh	P peh	Q koo	R air
Ss	Tt	Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx
S ess	T teh	U ooh	V veh	W doo-blah-veh	X eeks
Yy	Zz				
Y ee-grek	Z zed				

German Alphabet					
Aa	Ää	Bb	ß	Cc	Dd
ah	ah Umlaut	beh	ess-testt	teh	deh
Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh	Ii	Jj
eh	eff	geh	ha	ee	yot
Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn	Oo	Öö
kah	et	emm	ern	oh	oh Umlaut
Pp	Qq	Rr	Ss	Tt	Uu
peh	kuh	err	ess	ten	uh
Üü	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz
uh Umlaut	tow	veh	iks	upston	tsett



a

"ah"

b

"boy"

c

"say"

d

"day"

e

"eh"

f

"ef"

g

"ghay"

h

"osh"

How do you make a French nasal sound? Mais quand ??What is she saying? I'm quite sure they too will find it useful! LettersPronunciation TipExample Sentence1a, àLike "ah" in EnglishWhen a is written à, the pronunciation doesn't change.Anne va à la plage.Ann goes to the beach2âNot always pronounced differently (Like most Parisians, I don't pronounce it differently), but sometimes makes the a sound a bit longer.Anne regarde son âne.Anne looks at her donkey.3aiA and I combine together to make the sound è. Watch out, the letter s is often silent at the end of a word.Also, a written S between two vowels makes the sound z.Salut ! Sophie sait que ses soeurs sont aussi ici ?Hi! Does Sophie know her sisters are here as well?14tSame pronunciation as in English. Click on the link next to the headphones to play the audio of the sounds and many examples. F Makes a liaison in v (as featured in neuf ans [neu van])Fabrice est veuf depuis neuf ans.Fabrice has been a widower for nine years.6gLike the g in "go".Gabrielle se gare devant la grille du garage.Gabrielle parks in front of the garage fence.7g=Before i and e, sounds like the s in "leisure" (like a French "j")Comme beaucoup de gens, Giselle aime les giraffes.Like many people, Giselle likes giraffes.bH is silent is French, meaning that it is not aspirated as it is in English - unless its a foreign word. A French nasal sound is a specific way to pronounce French vowels. Not necessarily their pronunciation. 8lSame as in English, pronounced the same when double l.Les lutins allument la lune qui luit alors toute la nuit.Elves ignite the moon which then shines all night long.9ill=y"ille, ail(le), euil(le), ouil(le) etc..." combination features a sound similar the the y in "yahoo".Les abeilles lèchent le miel qui coule de la bouteille. I want to buy this card game.8oeu, euLike the er in "her" in English. But push your lips way out as a kiss, and then curl them up a bit as if you wanted to touch your nose. Now let's talk about a very important French pronunciation concept : the dangerous liaisons! What Are Liaisons in French Pronunciation? The French é sound is often found in the end of a word spelled as "er" or "ez".Eléonore et Anne sont allées à la plage l'été dernier.Eleonore and Anne went to the beach last summer. "l-L-S" in French will never be pronounced [ils] nor [ilz]However, the final silent S of "ils" will affect the following word, the "ont" in liaison."Ont" (pronounced [on]) will be started by the S of the "ils", which becomes a Z sound in liaison.So in pronunciation, "ils ont" is pronounced [il zon] Examples of French Liaisons Let me provide some examples with audio recordings. 15onThe nasal sound based on the o sound.Son mouton a une toison très longue.His sheep has a very long coat. Many students of French only ever guess French pronunciation. Follow this link to my free audio lesson to understand French nasal pronunciation and rules. Nous voulons aller à Tombouctou !Where are you going? Not very common in French.Karine fait du kayak au Kentucky.Karine is kayaking in Kentucky. Here is what you should be hearing. Note that "ez" make the sound é - this is important for French verbs. Would you like to train more on French pronunciation? Now, the alphabet states the names of the letters. Lulu drove a car. 16ouPronounced a bit like "oo" in English but without moving the lips (in English, the lips modulate on the "oo"; the French "ou" sound is clipped)Où allez-vous ? Quelqu'un a rayé la laque de son aquarium ? It's softer than you think, and in any case, it's never the Spanish rolled r.Renée et Raoul rient rarement de rien.Renée and Raoul seldom laugh because of nothing.sSame pronunciation as in English. ç = s"ç" also sounds like sEt ton garçon, ça va ?What about your boy, is he OK?3ch=shch=kMost of the time sounds like 'sh'. Impossible !!to, ôPronounced like the o in "too". Written letters combine together to make sounds. When To Pronounce N or M or a Nasal Sound? Let's take an example. I'll then focus on some challenging French sounds like the French U and the French R, explain the concept of liaison, and finally, I'll give you pointers on how to improve your spoken French pronunciation. Often silent at the end of a word.Papa parle beaucoup avec Pierre et Pedro.Papa speaks a lot with Pierre and Pedro.q/qu=kSound like k. French letters lock together to create specific French sounds: understand this and you will not only be able to read French with ease, but gain confidence with your general French pronunciation. Like à i ô... It would have made things so much simpler! Instead, we write a nasal sound in French with a vowel followed by an N or an M. But when?13rAh... the infamous French r. Please share this lesson with him/her. First, I'll record the different sounds that you will find in the French language, starting with the vowels and then the consonant sounds, and illustrate the sounds with examples in the form of a fun sentence. en, em, Another way to spell the same French nasal sound than in "an, am, aon" above.En avant, ensemble !Forward, together!11i, yLike the ee in "see". French Alphabet Pronunciation Please press on the audio player to hear my recording of the French alphabet. A nasal

