L'alphabet français

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
ah	beh	seh	deh	uh	eff	zheh

h	i	j	k	l	m	n
ahsh	ee	zhee	kah	ell	em	en

o	p	q	r	s	t	u
oh	peh	koo	air	ess	teh	ooh

v	w	x	y	z
veh	doo-blah-veh	eeks	ee-grek	zed

Diacritics (accent marks) — Les signes diacritiques

acute accent	é	l'accent aigu
grave accent	è	l'accent grave
circumflex accent	ê	l'accent circonflexe
umlaut	ë	le tréma
cedilla	ç	la cédille
tilde	ñ	le tilde

The tilde is used in French words of Spanish origin, such as *piñata*, much like it is in English.

The cedilla is used exclusively with the letter *c*, like in the city name *Besançon*. Although this letter is treated simply as a *c* with a cedilla accent mark, it actually evolved from the ancient Visigothic letter for *z*.

$ȝ → ç$
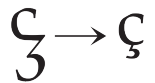
Ligatures (Les ligatures)

æ	e dans l'a
œ	e dans l'o

A ligature has its own unique sound, and should not be seen as a shorthand way of writing the two letters it contains (although this is how words containing ligatures are alphabetized). Look to each word containing a ligature to determine how the ligature is pronounced in the word (such as *sœur*).