

Phonemes of French

IPA Symbols		Symbol Names	Similar English Sounds
1.	/i/	Lower-case I	we, meet, key, sea, receive
2.	/e/	Lower-case E	chaotic, dictates
3.	/ɛ/	Epsilon	enter, merry, many, friend
4.	/a/	Lower-case A	used in diphthongs, such as aisle
5.	/u/	Lower-case U	flute, queue, noon, do, you
6.	/o/	Lower-case O	hotel, obey, notation
7.	/ɔ/	Open O	chord, author, law, call
8.	/ɑ/	Script A	father, dance (British)
9.	/y/	Lower-case Y	/i/ + lip rounding; German für; not in English
10.	/ø/	Slashed O	/e/ + lip rounding; Ger. schön; not in English
11.	/ə/	Schwa	(2nd syl. of:) even, sofa, little, handsome
12.	/œ/	O-E Ligature	/ɛ/ + lip rounding; Ger. öffnen; not in English
13.	/ã/	Script A with tilde	Nasalized /a/; not in English
14.	/ẽ/	Epsilon w/tilde	Nasalized /ɛ/; not in English
15.	/õ/	Open O w/tilde	Nasalized /o/; not in English
16.	/œ̃/	O-E Ligature w/tilde	Nasalized /œ/; not in English
17.	/j/	Lower-case J	yam, union, eulogy, pew, cute (comes from /i/)
18.	/w/	Lower-case W	was, witch, waste, once (comes from /u/)
19.	/ɥ/	Turned H	not in English (comes from /y/)
20.	/m/	Lower-case M	sum, ma'am, dimmer, hymn
21.	/n/	Lower-case N	nun, liner
22.	/ɲ/	Left-tail N	Spanish señor; not in English
23.	/l/	Lower-case L	love, wilt, Sally
24.	/r/ /ʀ/	Lower-case R Fish-hook R	Rolled R; not in English merry (formal, flipped R)
25.	/p/	Lower-case P	pay, caper, sup
26.	/b/	Lower-case B	boy, saber, rub
27.	/t/	Lower-case T	tent, attain, slat
28.	/d/	Lower-case D	die, leader, bed
29.	/k/	Lower-case K	coal, choir, technique, anchor
30.	/g/	Lower-case G	girl, bigger, bug
31.	/f/	Lower-case F	far, feel, philosophy
32.	/v/	Lower-case V	very, overt, quiver
33.	/s/	Lower-case S	sat, psalm, lets, decent
34.	/z/	Lower-case Z	zoom, buzzard, was, zest
35.	/ʃ/	Esh	shoe, negotiate, sugar, cash
36.	/ʒ/	Ezh or Tailed Z	leisure, garage, casual