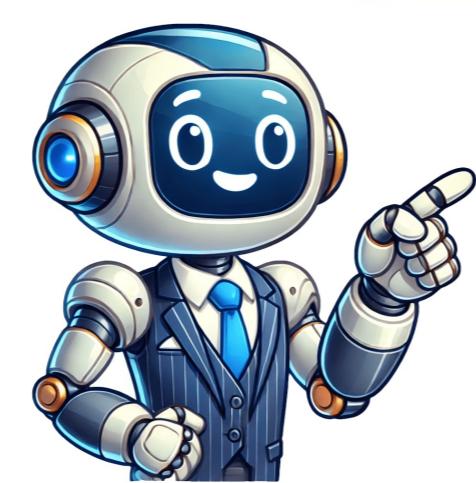


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continent, including Africa, North America, South America,

un before consonant or finally /œ/ jeun ew /ju/ newton, steward (also /i/) /w/ chewing-gum ge before (a, o, u) /ʒ/ geai, mangea gu before (e, i, y) /g/ guerre, dingue /gy/ gu/ arguér (in new orthography, arguér), aiguille, linguistique, ambiguïté (in new orthography, ambiguïté) -il after some vowels /i/ ail, conseil not after vowel /i/ il, fil /i/ outil, fils, fusil -ih- after (u)[11] /i/ Guilhaem after other vowels[11] /i/ Meilhaec, Devieilhe /i/ Devieilhe (some families don't use the traditional pronunciation /j/ of ih) -ill- after some verbs /j/ paille, nouille not after vowel /i/ mille, million, billion, ville, villa, village, tranquille[12] /i/ grillage, bille in, in, before consonant or finally /ɛ/ importer, vin, vint /in/ sprin /f/ sinh, asinh oïn, oïn before consonant or finally /w/ besoin point, Samoëns /ɔ̃n/ Citroën om, on before consonant or finally /ʒ/ ombre, bon /ɔ̃/ canyon/o/ monsieur/o/ automne ow /o/ cow-boy also (aw). In new orthography, cowboy, show /u/ clown/o/w/ Kowéit qu /k/ quand, pourquoï, loquace /ka/ /kw/ équivalent aquarium, loquace, quatuor /ky/ piqûre (in new orthography, pique) ti + vowel initially or after /s/ /t/, /t/, /t/, /t/ bastion, gestionnaire, tiens, aquae-sextion elsewhere /s/, /s/, /s/, /s/ fonctionnaire, initiation, Croatie, haïtent /y/, /t/, /t/ the suffix -tié, all conjugated forms oververb with a radical ending in -(a)ugmentations, partiez, etc.) or derived frontmen, and all nouns and past participles derivedfrom such verbs and ending in -ie (sortie, divertie, etc.) /ʃ/, /ʃ/, /ʃ/ minutia um, um before consonant or finally /d/ parfum, brun /ɔ̃/ album, maximum /ʒ/ nuncupation, punch (in new orthography, ponch), secundo ym, yn before consonant or finally /ɛ/ sympto syndrome /im/ gymnase, hymne ^1 These combinations are pronounced /j/ after (a, e, eu, œ, ou, ue), all but the last of which are pronounced normally and are not influenced by the (i). For example, in rail, (a) is pronounced /a/; in mouiller, (ou) is pronounced /u/. (ue), however, which only occurs in such combinations after (c) and (g), is somewhat unpredictable: pool, huile, équilibre (ekilibre) but équivalent (ekivalent), etc. The spelling of French words of Greek origin is complicated by a number of digraphs which originated in the Latin transcriptions. The digraphs (ph, th, ch) normally represent (p, t, k), respectively, in Greek loanwords; and the ligatures (œ) and (œ) in Greek loanwords represent the same vowel as (e) (œ). Further, many words in the international scientific vocabulary were constructed from French roots and have kept their digraphs (e.g. stratosphère, photographie). This section needs expansion. You can help by adding to it. (June 2008) The Oaths of Strasbourg from 842 is the earliest text written in the early form of French called Romance or Gallo-Roman. The Celtic Gaulish language of the inhabitants of Gaul disappeared progressively over the course of Roman rule as the Latin language began to replace it. Vulgar Latin, a generally lower register of Classical Latin spoken by the Roman soldiers, merchants and even by patricians in quotidian speech, was adopted by the natives and developed slowly, taking the forms of different spoken Roman vernaculars according to the level of the empire: continental or different forms of Vulgar Latin. This is how France evolved into three branches: the Gallo-Romanic sub-family, the languages d'oil in the north and the language d'oïc in the south, and the Provençal sub-family of the east.[13] In the 8th century, the Romance vernaculars were already quite far apart. For example, to understand the Bible, written in Latin, foreigners were necessary. The languages found in the manuscripts dating from the 9th century to the 10th century form what is known as Old French (ancien français). With consolidation of royal power, beginning in the 13th century, the Francien vernacular, the langue d'oil variety then used in the Ile-de-France (region around Paris), took little by little, over the other languages and evolved toward Classic French. These languages continued to evolve until Middle French (moyen français) emerged, in the 14th century to the 16th century. During the Middle French period (c. 1300–1600), modern spelling practices were largely established. This happened especially during the 16th century, under the influence of printers. The overall trend was towards continuity with Old French spelling, although some changes were made under the influence of changed pronunciation habits; for example, the French distinction between the diphthongs (eu) and (ue) was eliminated in favor of consistent (eu). [a] as both diphthongs had come to be pronounced /ø/ or /œ/ (depending on the surrounding sounds). However, many other distinctions that had become equally superfluous were maintained, e.g. between (s) and soft (c) or between (ai) and (ei). It is likely that etymology was the guiding factor here; the distinctions (sic) and (ai/ei) reflect corresponding distinctions in the spelling of the underlying Latin words, whereas no such distinction exists in the case of (eu/ue). This period also saw the development of some explicitly etymological spellings, e.g. temps ("time"), vingt ("twent") and poids ("weight") (note that in many cases, the etymologizing was sloppy or occasionally completely incorrect; vingt reflects Latin viginti, with the (g) in the wrong place, and poids actually comes from Latin pes, with no (d) at all; the spelling poids is due to an incorrect derivation from Latin pondus). The trend towards etymologizing sometimes produced absurd (and generally rejected) spellings such as scapvor for normal savoir ("to know"), which attempted to combine Latin sapere ("to be wise", the correct origin of savoir) with scrire ("to know"). Main article: Reforms of French orthography Modern French spelling was codified in the late 17th century by the Académie française, based largely on previously established spelling conventions. Some reforms have occurred since then, but most have been fairly minor. The most significant changes have been: Adoption of (i) and (v) to represent consonants, in place of former (i) and (u). Addition of a circumflex accent to reflect historical vowel length. During the Middle French period, a distinction developed between long and short vowels, with long vowels largely stemming from a lost /s/ before a consonant, as in même (cf. Spanish mismo), but sometimes from the coalescence of similar vowels, as in aigre from earlier aage, eage (early Old French *edäge < Vulgar Latin *aetaticum, cf. Spanish edad < aetate(m)). Prior to this, such words continued to be spelled historically (e.g. mesme and aige). Ironically, by the time this convention was adopted in the 19th century, the former distinction between short and long vowels had largely disappeared in all but the most conservative pronunciations, with vowels automatically pronounced long or short depending on the phonological context (see French phonology). Use of (ai) instead of (oi) where pronounced /e/ rather than /wal/. The most significant effect of this was to change the spelling of all imperfect verbs (formerly spelled -ois), -(oit), -(oient) rather than -(ais), -(ait), -(aient), as well as the name of the language, from francos to français. Main article: Reforms of French orthography ^ The rectifications of 1990 In October 1989, Michel Rocard, then-Prime Minister of France, established the High Council of the French Language (Conseil supérieur de la langue française) in Paris. He designated experts – among them linguists, representatives of the Académie française and lexicographers – to propose standardizing several points, a few of those points being: The uniting hyphen in all compound numerals e.g. trente-et-un. The plural of compound words, the second element of which always takes the plural s e.g. un après-midi, des après-midis. The circumflex (^) disappears on (u) and (ü) except for when it is needed to differentiate homophones e.g. coûte (cost) – cout (abyss). abime but sûr (sure) because of sur (on) The past participle of laisser followed by an infinitive verb is invariable (now works the same way as the verb faire) elle s'est laissée mourir – elle s'est laissé mourir Quickly, the experts set to work. Their conclusions were submitted to Belgian and Québécois linguistic political organizations. They were likewise submitted to the Académie française, which endorsed them unanimously, saying: "Current orthography remains that of usage, and the 'recommendations' of the High Council of the French language only enter into play with words that may be written in a different manner without being considered as incorrect or as faults." citation needed! The changes were published in the Journal officiel de la République française in December 1990. At the time the proposed changes were considered to be suggestions. In 2016, schoolbooks in France began to use the newer recommended spellings, with instruction to teachers that both old and new spellings be deemed correct.[14] See also: Punctuation § Other languages In France and Belgium, the exclamation mark, question mark, semicolon, colon, percentage mark, currency symbols, hash, and guillemet all require a thin space between the punctuation mark and the material it adjoins. Outside of France and Belgium, this rule is often ignored. Computer software may aid or hinder the application of this rule, depending on the degree of localisation, as it is marked differently from most other Western punctuation. The hyphen in French has a particular use in geographic names that is not found in English. Traditionally, the "specific" part of placenames, street names, and organization names are hyphenated (usually namesakes).[15] [16] For instance, la place de la Bataille-de-Stalingrad (Square of the Battle of Stalingrad); and l'université Blaise-Pascal (named after Blaise Pascal). Likewise, Pas-de-Calais is a French department; the eponymous pas (strait) is le pas de Calais. This rule is not uniformly observed in official names, e.g., either la Côte-d'Ivoire or la Côte d'Ivoire, and usually la Côte d'Azur has no hyphens. The names of Montreal Metro stations are consistently hyphenated when suitable, but those of Paris Métro stations mostly ignore this rule. (For more examples, see Trait d'union.) Elision (French) French phonology French braille French manual alphabet Circumflex in French French heteronyms, words spelled the same but pronounced differently ^ Except in a few words such as accueil, where (ue) was necessary to mark the hard pronunciation of (c) as /k/. ^ Académie française, accentuation Archived 2011-05-14 at the Wayback Machine ^ "Banque de dépannage linguistique - Accents sur les majuscules". 66.46.185.79. Archived from the original on 6 November 2014. Retrieved 10 October 2017. ^ Didier, Dominique. "La ligature œ". Monsu.desiderio.free.fr. Retrieved 10 October 2017. ^ wikt:fr:Catégorie:œ non ligaturé en français ^ See wikt:fr:Catégorie:œ non ligaturé en français ^ See Ch (diagram)#French ^ "French Pronunciation: Vowel Sounds I -LanguageGuide". Languaguide.org. Retrieved 10 October 2017. ^ "French Pronunciation: Vowel Sounds II -LanguageGuide". Languaguide.org. Retrieved 10 October 2017. ^ Espinasse, Francis (1892). "Law, John (1671-1729)". 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Summary translation: "Hyphenate names in roadways (streets, squares, bridges), towns, départements". See also "orthotypography". ^ "Établissements d'enseignement ou organismes scolaires [Educational institutes or school-related bodies]". Banque de dépannage linguistique (in French). Les parties d'un spécifique qui comportent plus d'un élément sont liées par un trait d'union [...]. Exemples : l'école Calixa-Lavallée, l'école John-F.-Kennedy. Summary translation: "Multi-word 'specifics' are hyphenated." Dictionnaire de l'Académie française Fouché, Pierre (1956). Traité de prononciation française. Paris: Klincksieck, Tranel, Bernard (1987). The Sounds of French: An Introduction. Cambridge, New York: Cambridge University Press. ISBN 0-521-31510-7. 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