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pronunciation

Vowels		Consonants	
Symbol	English sound	Symbol	English sound
a	run	b	bed
ai	aisle	d	dog
air	fair	f	fun
e	bet	g	go
ee	see	k	kit
eu	nurse	l	lot
ew	ee with rounded lips	m	man
ey	as in 'bet', but longer	n	not
o	pot	ny	canyon
oo	zoo	ng	ring
om/on/ong	as in 'pot', but nasal	p	pet
um/un/ung	as in 'act', but nasal	r	run (throaty)
<p>In this chapter, the French pronunciation is given in green after each phrase.</p> <p>Each syllable is separated by a dot. For example: <i>Bonjour.</i> bon-zhoor</p> <p>French's nasal vowels, simplified as om/on/ong and um/un/ung above, are pronounced as if you're trying to force the sound out of your nose.</p>		s	sun
		sh	shot
		t	top
		v	very
		w	win
		y	yes
		z	zero
		zh	pleasure