

## French Phonetic Alphabet

A - ah

B - bay

C - say

D - day

E - euh \*\* N.B. et, er, é, ée, ez, ai, aie, ait, ais = "ay"

F - eff

G - shjay

H - ash

I - ee

J - shgee

K - ka

L - l

M - m

N - n

O - oh (spelled o, au, eau, aux, ot)

P - pay

Q - cue

R - air

S - s

T - tay

U - \*\* N.B. ou = "OO"; ue, ut = "u"

V - vay

W - doo-ble-vay

Y - ee - grec

X - eeks

Z - zed

\*\* unique to the French language and difficult to find an equivalent in English

### Pronunciation

Some general tips:

1. Do not generally pronounce the last letter in the word:  
e.g. le grand tapis - (luh gran tapee)
2. Do not generally pronounce -ent at the end of verbs  
ils marchent - (eel marsh)
3. Make a liaison between a consonant and a vowel.  
une grande école - (gran day col)