

## Les accents

The Name	The function	The pronunciation
accent aigu é	Only over an “e”	Pronounce [ay]
tréma	Means that one vowel is pronounced in a separate syllable from the vowel right next to it.	Varies—depends on the two vowels
grave	Over vowels. Usually does not affect pronunciation. Sometimes is used to distinguish one word from another	Varies—depends on the vowel it is over
circonflexe	Has absolutely no effect on pronunciation. Most experts argue it should be dropped from language. Usually replaces an “s” in the original latin form of the word.	None
cédille	Is only used on the letter “c.” It means to pronounce “c” like “s” where it would normally be pronounced [k].	[s]

### Accent aigu practice words:

René André

### Accent grave practice words:

mère  
très  
secrete  
à

*mother*  
*very*  
*secret*  
*to*

**Accent Tréma practice words:**

maïs  
astéroïde  
haïr

*corn*  
*asteroid*  
*to hate*

égoïste  
Noël  
coïncidence

*selfish*  
*Christmas*  
*coincidence*

**Accent circonflexe practice words:**

maître  
pâte  
bête

*master*  
*paste*  
*beast*

île  
hôte

*island*  
*host*

**Accent cédille practice words:**

Ça va? *How are you?*

François *Francis*

Comme ci, comme ça *So-So*