

FRENCH LANGUAGE

TOPIC: LES SONS FRANÇAIS [Les voyelles orale et les voyelle nasal]

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DEFINITION: Speech sounds are called "les phonème" in French. French language has forty speech sounds. These comprise nineteen consonant sounds, twelve oral vowels, four nasal vowels and five semi-vowels.

VOWEL: Vowels are called "les voyelles" in French. Vowels are speech sounds which are produced when the air that is released from lungs for the purpose of speech sound gets out through the mouth or nose without meeting any obstacle in the speech organ.

TYPES OF VOWELS IN FRENCH

There are three[3] types of vowels :

1. Les voyelles orales [oral vowels]
2. Les voyelles nasales [nasal vowels]
3. Les mi-voyelles [semi vowels]

LES VOYELLES ORALES: Oral vowels are speech sounds which are produced when the air that is released from the lungs gets out only through the mouth. E.g. i, e, a, o, y, œ, ø, ɔ, ɜ.

LES VOYELLES NASALES: Nasal vowels are sounds which are produced when the air that is released from the lungs gets out both the mouth and nose without any interruption by the speech organs. The four nasal vowels are: ā, ē, ō

LES MI-VOYELLES