

Starter kit for French 1115

Sounds

ON=/ohn/ OU=/oo/ OI=/wa/ AU=/oh/

R = Sound of frustration “arrrrrgh”, opposite of aspired ‘h’

U = pronounced by pouting a lot, putting tongue, curled up at the bottom of the mouth

Words

Bonjour = /bohnjoorr/

Salut = /salu/

Au revoir = /oh ruvwarr/

À bientôt = /ah biyahntoh/

Rule

Stupid rule > the letters s,t,p,d are NEVER pronounced at the end of words. (*there are exceptions for words of foreign origin tennis, campus, bus*)

Expressions:

Comment t'appelles-tu? = What's your name?

/kommahn tahpell tuu/

Je m'appelle = my name is

/juhmahpell/

D'où es-tu? = From where are you?

/doowaytuu/

Je suis de + city name (not country) = I am from...

/juhswee duh/

Nationality

To state nationality, you will have to use an irregular verb, “to be”, we will only learn it partially for now.

I am = je suis /juhswee/

You are = tu es /tuway/

She is = elle est /ellay/

He is = il est /illay/

Je suis + nationality [m. or f. depending who speaks]

Ex: je suis français if “je” is a man

Je suis française if “je” is a woman

Il est français Ø / elle est française

“Il” does not require any change

“Elle” requires a different ending, most of the time, an “e” is added.

Nationalities have a masculine form and a feminine form.

français m. - française f. anglais - anglaise
/frahnssay/ - /frahnsezz/ /ahnglay/ /ahnglezz/

japonais - japonaise chinois - chinoise
/jjaponay/ /jjaponezz/ /shinwa/ /shinwazz/

américain - américaine
/amayrikahn/ /amayrikenn/

Sometimes the final consonant is doubled :

canadien - canadienne coréen - coréenne
/kanadiyah/ /kanadeeyenn/ /koray-ahn/ /kohray-enn/

brésilién - brésilienné
/brayzeeliyah/ /brayzeelyenn/

Sounds

-ais = /ay/ -aise = /ezz/

-en = /ahn/ nasal sound - enne= /enn/ NOT nasal

Ç = sss sound the  underneath the C is an accent called cedilla; it is used in front of 3 vowels
a o u to produce the sound "sss"
you will encounter it in français only for now.

Rule

You have to use the lower case for nationalities in French.

Il est canadien = He is Canadian

Elle est française = She is French