

## FRENCH LANGUAGE

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

CLASS: JSS2

WEEK: 4

TERM: THIRD TERM

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 the lungs for the purpose of speech simply gets out through the mouth or nose without meeting any obstacle in the speech organ.

### TYPES OF VOWELS IN FRENCH

There are three 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, φ, ɜ.

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

LES MI-VOYELLES: These sounds are produced when there is a combination of vowel or consonant sounds but sounding as one. A semi vowel can also be called a semi consonant. The semi vowels are; i, w, y.

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TOPIC-----LES CONSONNES ORALE ET LES CONSONNES NASALS

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DEFINITION: Consonants are called les consonnes in French. Consonants are speech sounds which are produced when the air that flows from the lungs is interrupted by speech organs such as tongues, lips etc. There are nineteen[19] consonant sounds in French. They are; p, b, t, g, s, n, m, r, f, d.

p	P, p	Père, papier, appareil
b	b	Bonjour, bonbon, bébé
t	T, tt	Tard, attaquer, tous
z	Z, s	Zebra, zero, vision
k	C, ch, k, qu	Sucre, camarade, chorus, kaki
v	V, w	Valise, vache
d	d	Dans, date, salade
f	F, ff, ph	Ferme, février, physique
S	S, ss, sc, c	Sucre, assés, science
m	M, mm	Madame, comment
r	R, rr	Riche, arriver
n	nn	Traditionnelle, noir
g	G, c	Gare, guerre, gout, seconde
s	Sh, ch	Short, marché