How to pronounce French sounds

In most cases, make the same sounds in French as in English. Generally, consonants at the end of words are silent.

, however, are quite different:
For each French vowel sound (except u), there is an English word (or part of a word) that sounds like it. Read it aloud to find out how to say the French sound, then practice saying the examples of each word.

Accents change the sound of the letter but not of other vowels.

= ah ƲŤűŜƴťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎłŀέ ǎƲdzƴŘ ƛƴǎŎłŀ·ℕűέΥ ami, chat, banane, tomate
= ee ťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎƛέ ƛƴǎΥłŀ·ŎĶiƴŜέΥ fion, joli, ski
= uh ťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎłŀέ ǎƲdzƴŘ ƛƴǎaboveέΥ le, petit, robe
Γ ťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎłŀ·èέ ǎƲdzƴŘ ƛƴǎfateέΥ bébé, éléphant, école
Γ ťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎłŀέ ǎƲdzƴŘ ƛƴǎŎareέΥ père, zèbre
Γ ťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎŜέ ǎƲdzƴŘ ƛƴǎƎetέΥ fête, même, prêt
Γ ǎƛΥƛťłŀ·ℕ űƲ űĶŜ ǎƲέ ƛƴ9ƴƎťƛǎĶΣ ŘŜLJŜƴŘƛƴƎ Ʋƴ űĶŜ ǿƲℕŘΣ ƛűŀ ŎłŀƴŎŜ LJℕƲƴdzƴŎŜŘ ťƛ̧Ŝ ŜƛűĶŜℕ ƲŤ űĶŜ ǎƲέ'ǎ ƛƴǎŎĶocolateέΥ gros, robe, crocodile, orange

= round your lips as if you wŜℕŜ ƎƲƛƴƎ űƲ ǎłŀè ǎƲƲέΣ űĶŜƴ'űℕè űƲ ǎłŀè ǎŜŜέΥ Řu, une, jus

is always silent in French
at the end of a word to indicate the plural is silent
sounds like K (not kw as in quick)
is pronounced T
is pronounced like the English sh, like in shirt
Γ ǎƲdzƴŘ ťƛ̧Ŝ űĶŜ ǎǿłŀέ ƛƴwater
/ long o sound like in so
= oo like the ou in group, not out

Words are usually stressed on the last syllable, unlike English words.

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