**Les accents**

* French uses accents and spelling marks that do not exist in English.
* These marks are part of the spelling and CANNOT be left out.

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| **mark** | **name** | **example** | **what it does** |
| ç | la cédille | Fran**ç**ais  **ç**a va | changes the 'c' sound to an 's' |
| ï | le tréma | No**ë**l, ma**ï**s | used when two vowels are next to one another and both must be pronounced |
| é | l'accent aigu | **é**crivez, C**é**cile | makes the 'e' a hard 'e' sound |
| è | l'accent grave | tr**è**s, **à**, Mich**è**le | changes the hard 'e' to a soft 'e', changes word meanings |
| œ | le e dans l'o | s**œ**ur, c**œ**ur | indicates the vowels are pronounced together |
| ê | le circonflexe | for**ê**t, Jér**ô**me | doesn't affect pronunciation, indicates a dropped 's' |