

è, ai and ei

By the end, you will recognise è, ai and ei in frequent words and read them accurately.

Mémo / Reminder

In many words: è, ai, ei → a sound close to /ɛ/. Always learn the whole word.

Exercices

1. Which spelling is the French word for “father” with è?

père / pere / pére / paire

2. Sort each item using the exact criterion from this lesson.

père ; faire ; neige ; très

3. Complete the answer using the rule and the examples above.

4. Match each item with the form or category it belongs to.

père ↔ ____ ; maison ↔ ____ ; neige ↔ ____ ; seize ↔ ____

5. Put the items in order to make a correct sentence.

neige | La | tombe

6. Choose the correct spelling of the word chaise.

chaise / chèse / cheise / chése

7. Type the expected form, then proofread it before checking.

8. Choose the correct spelling of the number seize.

seize / sèze / saize / séize

9. Type the expected form, then proofread it before checking.

10. Choose the correct spelling of the word reine.

reine / rène / raine / réine

11. Type the expected form, then proofread it before checking.

12. Choose the correct spelling of the adverb très.

très / tres / trés / trais

13. Type the expected form, then proofread it before checking.

Corrigé / Answers

1. père
2. père → è ; faire → ai ; neige → ei ; très → è
3. faire
4. père → è ; maison → ai ; neige → ei ; seize → ei
5. La neige tombe
6. chaise
7. neige
8. seize
9. maire
10. reine
11. père
12. très
13. faire