

Often-silent final letters

Level: A1 découverte · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will recognise several silent final letters without assuming that every final consonant is silent.

Discover

Compare: petit/sac; grand/chef; nez/bus. Is the final letter always pronounced?

Understand

Many final consonants are silent in frequent French words: petit, grand, nez, vous. But this is not absolute: sac, chef, bus and hiver keep their final consonant. Learn patterns together with reliable model words.

Examples

- petit
- grand
- nez
- vous
- sac
- chef
- bus
- hiver

Remember

Silent anchors: petit, grand, nez, vous. Pronounced anchors: sac, chef, bus, hiver. Learn the word with its pronunciation.

Exercises

1. For “Often-silent final letters”, sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. “petit”: which category does it belong to?
finale souvent muette • finale prononcée ici
3. “grand”: which category does it belong to?
finale souvent muette • finale prononcée ici
4. “nez”: which category does it belong to?
finale souvent muette • finale prononcée ici
5. “sac”: which category does it belong to?
finale prononcée ici • finale souvent muette
6. “chef”: which category does it belong to?
finale prononcée ici • finale souvent muette
7. “bus”: which category does it belong to?
finale prononcée ici • finale souvent muette
8. Complete correctly: peti_
9. Complete correctly: gran_
10. Complete correctly: ne_
11. Complete correctly: vou_
12. Complete correctly: sa_
13. Complete correctly: che_
14. For “Often-silent final letters”: match each item to the correct category.
15. Complete this “Often-silent final letters” example: “ ____ ”
16. Rebuild this “Often-silent final letters” sentence in a natural order.
grand

17. Complete this "Often-silent final letters" example: "____"

18. Rebuild this "Often-silent final letters" sentence in a natural order.

vous

19. Complete this "Often-silent final letters" example: "____"

20. Rebuild this "Often-silent final letters" sentence in a natural order.

chef

21. Complete this "Often-silent final letters" example: "____"

22. Rebuild this "Often-silent final letters" sentence in a natural order.

hiver

Answer key

1. **petit** finale souvent muette; **grand** finale souvent muette; **nez** finale souvent muette; **sac** finale prononcée ici; **chef** finale prononcée ici; **bus** finale prononcée ici

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. **finale souvent muette**

"petit" belongs to the category "finale souvent muette".

3. **finale souvent muette**

"grand" belongs to the category "finale souvent muette".

4. **finale souvent muette**

"nez" belongs to the category "finale souvent muette".

5. **finale prononcée ici**

"sac" belongs to the category "finale prononcée ici".

6. **finale prononcée ici**

"chef" belongs to the category "finale prononcée ici".

7. **finale prononcée ici**

"bus" belongs to the category "finale prononcée ici".

8. **petit**

The expected form is "petit".

9. **grand**

The expected form is "grand".

10. **nez**

The expected form is "nez".

11. **vous**

The expected form is "vous".

12. **sac**

The expected form is "sac".

13. **chef**

The expected form is "chef".

14. **petit** finale souvent muette; **grand** finale souvent muette; **sac** finale prononcée ici; **chef** finale prononcée ici

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. **petit**

The missing word is "petit". Full sentence: "petit".

16. **grand**

The rebuilt sentence is: "grand".

17. **nez**

The missing word is "nez". Full sentence: "nez".

18. **vous**

The rebuilt sentence is: "vous".

19. **sac**

The missing word is "sac". Full sentence: "sac".

20. **chef**

The rebuilt sentence is: "chef".

21. **bus**

The missing word is "bus". Full sentence: "bus".

22. **hiver**

The rebuilt sentence is: "hiver".