

Nasal vowels

Level: A1 découverte · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will recognise three major nasal-vowel spellings in frequent words.

Discover

Read: sans, enfant, bon, monde, pain, matin. Find the letter groups that carry the nasal vowel.

Understand

In a nasal vowel, some air passes through the nose and the following n or m is usually not pronounced as a separate consonant. Start with three anchors: an/en in sans, on in bon, in/ain/ein in pain.

Examples

- sans
- enfant
- bon
- monde
- pain
- matin
- plein
- important

Remember

an/en: sans, enfant · on: bon, monde · in/ain/ein: matin, pain, plein. In these words the group is read as a nasal vowel.

Exercises

1. For “Nasal vowels”, sort the items using the lesson rule.

2. “sans”: which category does it belong to?

an/en · on · in/ain/ein

3. “enfant”: which category does it belong to?

an/en · on · in/ain/ein

4. “important”: which category does it belong to?

an/en · on · in/ain/ein

5. “bon”: which category does it belong to?

on · an/en · in/ain/ein

6. “monde”: which category does it belong to?

on · an/en · in/ain/ein

7. “nom”: which category does it belong to?

on · an/en · in/ain/ein

8. “matin”: which category does it belong to?

in/ain/ein · an/en · on

9. “pain”: which category does it belong to?

in/ain/ein · an/en · on

10. “plein”: which category does it belong to?

in/ain/ein · an/en · on

11. Complete correctly: s_ns

12. Complete correctly: _nfant

13. Complete correctly: b_n

14. Assessment: write the answer without a hint. — m_nde

15. Assessment: write the answer without a hint. — p_in

16. Assessment: write the answer without a hint. — mat_n

17. For “Nasal vowels”: match each item to the correct category.

18. Rebuild this “Nasal vowels” sentence in a natural order.

important

19. Complete this “Nasal vowels” example: “ ____ ”

20. Rebuild this “Nasal vowels” sentence in a natural order.

enfant

21. Complete this “Nasal vowels” example: “ ____ ”

22. Rebuild this “Nasal vowels” sentence in a natural order.

monde

Answer key

1. sans an/en; enfant an/en; important an/en; bon on; monde on; nom on; matin in/ain/ein; pain in/ain/ein; plein in/ain/ein

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

2. an/en

"sans" belongs to the category "an/en".

3. an/en

"enfant" belongs to the category "an/en".

4. an/en

"important" belongs to the category "an/en".

5. on

"bon" belongs to the category "on".

6. on

"monde" belongs to the category "on".

7. on

"nom" belongs to the category "on".

8. in/ain/ein

"matin" belongs to the category "in/ain/ein".

9. in/ain/ein

"pain" belongs to the category "in/ain/ein".

10. in/ain/ein

"plein" belongs to the category "in/ain/ein".

11. sans

The expected form is "sans".

12. enfant

The expected form is "enfant".

13. bon

The expected form is "bon".

14. monde

The expected form is "monde".

15. pain

The expected form is "pain".

16. matin

The expected form is "matin".

17. sans an/en; enfant an/en; bon on; monde on; matin in/ain/ein; pain in/ain/ein

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

18. important

The rebuilt sentence is: "important".

19. sans

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

20. enfant

The rebuilt sentence is: "enfant".

21. bon

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

22. monde

The rebuilt sentence is: "monde".