

# A Guide to French Pronunciations

These pronunciations are not intended to be completely correct and in some cases are quite incorrect, anglicized versions. The intent is to give you a pronunciation that is relatively easy to speak and sounds reasonable to the American ear.

**Abbe** [It is the title for lower-ranking Catholic clergymen in France]: ab-bay

**Albert** [character name]: Al-bear

**Ali Teblein** [Haydee's father]: Alley Teb-eh-lan

**Au Revoir** [French for 'good-bye']: Oar-voir

**Auteuil** [may refer to an area of Paris or a commune in France]: Oh-toy

**Beauchamp** [character name]: Bow-shamp

**Bois de Vincennes** [park in Paris]: Bwah deh Van-sens

**Boulevard de l'Opera** [opera in France]: Bool-eh-vahrd del lope-erah

**Caderousse** [character name]: Cad-er-russe

**Centime** [French for 'cent']: Sahn-team

**Champs Elysees** [most prodigious and broadest avenue in Paris]: Shamps a-lee-zay

**Champs de Mars** [large public green-space in Paris]: Shamps deh Mars

**Château d'If** [prison Edmond Dantés is sentenced to]: Sha-toe deef

**Comte** [French for 'count']: Compteh

**Comtesse** [French for 'countess']: Com-tess

**Danglars** [character name]: Dang-lahr (as in "Dang it!")

**Dantès** [character name]: Dahn-tays

**De** [French for 'of']: deh (not "dee" or "day")

**Debray** [character name]: Deh-bray

**Edouard** [character name]: Ed-whard

**Eugenie** [character name]: U-jen-ee (emphasis on the 2nd syllable)

**Faria** [character name]: Far-ee-ah

**Fernand** [character name]: Fair-nahnd

**Fontaine** [French for 'fountain']: Fawn-tayn

**Gendarme** [French for 'policeman']: Jean-darm

**Gerard** [character name]: Jer-ard

**Haydée** [character name]: Hay-day (emphasis on 2nd syllable)

**Hermione** [character name]: Her-my-oh-knee (like the character from Harry Potter)

**Janina** [city in Greece which Haydee's father ruled over]: Ya-nine-a

**Le Clere** [character name]: Leh-clair

**Louis** [character name]: Lew-ee

**Madame** [French for 'Misses']: Mah-dahm

**Mademoiselle** [French for 'Miss']: Mad-mwah-zelle

**Marseilles** [city in France]: Mar-say

**Mercedes** [character name]: Mare-say-dees

**Mithradates** [man who hardened himself against all poisons]: Myth-ra-da-tease

**Mondego** [character name]: Mawn-day-go

**Morcerf** [character name]: More-sairf

**Morrel** [character name]: More-ell (emphasis on 2nd syllable)

**Noirtier** [character name]: Nwahr-tee-ay

**Nouveau Riche** [French for 'the new rich']: New-voh reesh

**Paris** the anglicized version (not "Paree")

**Petit Bourgeois** [French for 'lower middle class']: Peh-teet boor-jwah

**Pharaon** [the ships in the beginning of the story]: Fair-on

**Valentine** [character name]: Val-en-teen

**Vicomte** [French for Viscount]: Vee-compteh

**Villefort** [character name]: Veal-four (unsounded "t" at the end)

**Vizier** [title of an official or of royalty]: Viz-ear