

M4.3 - "Y" : How to pronounce the letter "Y" in a French word?

EXERCISES



Exercise 1:

How would pronounce the following words containing the letter "Y"?

You can try to read the words directly or you can fill the table below to help you break each word into sound units.

Then, **listen to the recording** and check your answers in the Answers page.

	Word	Word pictured with a double "i" (only if "y" is next to a vowel)	Word cut into syllables (sound combinations if Y is next to a vowel)	Pronunciation (IPA)
0	Abbaye	abbaie	a/bai/ie	[abei]
1	abysse			
2	aboyer			
3	acrylique			
4	anonyme			
5	dynamique			
6	employé			
7	envoyer			
8	hydrogène			
9	paysagiste			
10	rayon			
11	voyageuse			

MODULE 4 - FRENCH SOUNDS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM ENGLISH -
PRONUNCIATION RULES AND TIPS - PART 1 - FRENCH VOWELS AND VOWEL SOUNDS

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1	abysses	-	-	[abis]
2	aboyer	Aboiier		[abwaje]
3	acrylique	-	-	[akrilik]
4	anonyme	-	-	[anonim]
5	dynamique	-	-	[dinamik]
6	employé	Emploiié	Em/ploi/ié	[ãplwaje]
7	envoyer	Envoiiier	En/voi/ier	[ãvwaje]
8	hydrogène	-	-	[idRɔʒɛn]
9	paysagiste	Paiisagiste	Pai/i/sa/giste	[peizaʒist]
10	rayon	Raiion	Rai/ion	[Rejɔ̃]
11	voyageuse	voiiageuse	Voi/ia/geuse	[vwajaʒøz]