



FRENCH TABLE

Pronunciation



Words with *h aspiré* vs words with *h muet* in French

20 words with a mute h, obligatory liaison	
<i>un <u>h</u>abit</i>	a piece of clothing
<i>un <u>h</u>abitude</i>	a habit
<i>un <u>h</u>ébergement</i>	a lodging
<i>un <u>h</u>ectare</i>	a hectar
<i>un <u>h</u>éritage</i>	a legacy
<i>un <u>h</u>élicopter</i>	a helicopter
<i>un <u>h</u>être</i>	a beech
<i>une <u>h</u>istoire</i>	a story
<i>une <u>h</u>irondelle</i>	a swallow
<i>un <u>h</u>omme</i>	a man
<i>un <u>h</u>ôte</i>	a host
<i>une <u>h</u>ôtesse de l'air</i>	an air hostess
<i>l'<u>h</u>erbe</i>	the grass
<i>une <u>h</u>eure</i>	an hour
<i>l'<u>h</u>orloge</i>	the clock
<i>l'<u>h</u>orizon</i>	the horizon
<i>l'<u>h</u>umeur</i>	the mood
<i>hésiter: j'<u>h</u>ésite</i>	to hesitate



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20 useful words with an aspirated h, no liaison or elision possible		
<i>un / hibou</i>	an owl	
<i>un / hamster</i>	a hamster	
<i>un / hérisson</i>	a hedgehog	
<i>un / homard</i>	a lobster	
<i>un / huitième</i>	en eighth	
<i>le / handball</i>	handball	
<i>la / hanche</i>	the hip	
<i>un / haricot</i>	a green bean	(although it has changed and nowadays it is possible to say both <i>un haricot</i> and <i>un / haricot</i>)
<i>un / handicap</i>	a disability	
<i>la / honte</i>	the shame	
<i>le / hoquet</i>	the hiccup	
<i>le / hublot</i>	the porthole	
<i>la Hollande</i>	Holland	
<i>la Hongrie</i>	Hungary	
<i>hurler: je / hurle, ...</i>	to yell	
<i>haïr: je / hais, ...</i>	to hate	
<i>hanter: je / hante, ...</i>	to haunt	
<i>harceler: je / harcèle...</i>	to harass	

[Here is a more exhaustive list of words with a “h aspiré” and “h muet”!](#)

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