

Making Accent Marks in French

TO MAKE ACCENT MARKS ON A PC (Windows machine)

1. Hold the ALT key down while you type the corresponding 3 digit number (see below) **on the number pad.**
2. **Make sure Num Lock is on.**

Example: to get é, hold down the Alt key, type in 130.

To get this letter:	Hold down the Alt key and type the number.	Example	Meaning
à	Alt + 133	à	to
â	Alt + 131	pâte	noodle
é	Alt + 130	été	summer
è	Alt + 138	très	very
ê	Alt + 136	bête	beast
ë	Alt + 137	Noël	Christmas
î	Alt + 140	île	island
ô	Alt + 147	bientôt	soon
ù	Alt + 151	où	where
ç	Alt + 135	ça	this
Ç	Alt + 128	Ça	this

TO MAKE ACCENT MARKS ON LOWER-CASE LETTERS WITH A MAC

To get this letter:	1. Hold down the Option key while you type the letter.	2. Release both keys and then type:	Example	Meaning
à	Option + ` (key above tab)	a	à	to
â	Option + i	a	pâte	noodle
é	Option + e	e	été	summer
è	Option + `	e	très	very
ê	Option + i	e	bête	beast
ë	Option + u	e	Noël	Christmas
î	Option + i	i	île	island
ô	Option + i	o	bientôt	soon
ù	Option + `	u	où	where
ç	Option + c		ça	this
Ç	Shift/Option + c		Ça	this

Remember: Accents are very important in French. They serve two purposes:

1. They indicate a difference in meaning. Example: "à" means *to* and "a" means *he has*; "ou" means *or* and "où" means *where*.
2. They make a difference in pronunciation.