

Liaison

- The liaison is another important aspect of pronunciation
- It means joining the last letter of one word with the first letter of the word that follows, when it is a vowel.

Example:

In nous avons, the final consonant s of nous moves into the second word. This is because the second word begins with a vowel. It therefore sounds like nou zavons.

Generally, this happens with s, which is pronounced z. It also sometimes occurs with t, n, c, x, p, l and d.

Most words beginning with h follow the same rule when the h is silent.

Exceptions:

THERE IS NO LIAISON IN THE FOLLOWING CASES: With:

Et	et ensuite; triste et émouvant
Oui	c'est oui! Vous dites oui!
Numbers beginning with a vowel	les onze joueurs; vingt-et-un
Proper nouns	Paris est une belle ville. François est sympa
Before words beginning with h aspirate	Les héros; les haricots