

# Phonics Links

## French

Introduction to French Pronunciation and many examples and activities

[http://french.about.com/od/pronunciation/French\\_Pronunciation\\_Lessons\\_and\\_Activities.htm](http://french.about.com/od/pronunciation/French_Pronunciation_Lessons_and_Activities.htm)

Guide for French Pronunciation with key sounds and audio examples

<http://www.jump-gate.com/languages/french/french1.html>

Audio French Dictionaries

<http://www.audifrench.com/>

<http://french.about.com/od/vocabulary/a/audiodictionary.htm>

Key French sounds with audio examples

[http://www.askoxford.com/languages/fr/toi\\_french/pronunciation/?view=uk](http://www.askoxford.com/languages/fr/toi_french/pronunciation/?view=uk)

<http://phonetique.free.fr/alpha.htm>

Lovely examples to practise in class

<http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/flbla/html/scenarios/scenario4/index.html?scenario=3&group=6&activity=15&totalactivities=19>

A wiki set up by Jo Rhys-Jones (with presentation on phonics by her and Lynn Erler)

<http://phonologique.wikispaces.com/>

Rosaespanola's French Phonics materials from TES resources site

<http://www.tes.co.uk/ResourceDetail.aspx?storyCode=3013522>

<http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/fr.htm>

French tongue twisters

## Useful blogs with phonics material – French teachers

Marie-France Perkins – excellent blog for all things French teaching

[http://mmeperkins.typepad.com/my\\_weblog/pronunciation/](http://mmeperkins.typepad.com/my_weblog/pronunciation/)

Suzi Bewell – now Curriculum Area Leader for MFL at York University did a lot of work on French Phonics

Her previous school blog

<http://www.allsaintslanguagesblog.typepad.co.uk/>

Presentation on phonics

<http://www.slideshare.net/suzibewell/you-say-mince-and-i-say-mince-the-need-for-the-overt-teaching-of-phonics-in-french-ssat-lp-belfry-presentation-suzi-bewell>

Suzi Bewell

<http://petitepipelette.posterous.com/the-languages-show-2010-part-3>

link to her phonics wiki, which you have to join, but visit [www.doonceandshare.wikispaces.com](http://www.doonceandshare.wikispaces.com)

Vincent Everett – Northgate High School blog

<http://languagesatnorthgate.wordpress.com/2009/09/03/welcome-back/>

Steph Reid (was Hopkins) has an excellent blog – scroll down to see her phonics work

<http://shopkins.wordpress.com/>

Mark Purves

<http://www.souffler.co.uk/>

Mark does a lot for primary French but his ideas transfer well also to KS3. He also has a lot of useful stuff to say about using music in learning.

## German

<http://193.171.252.18/www.lehrerweb.at/gs/projekte/d/abc/abc.htm>

Audio files and activities

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/#>

Excellent website for German and Spanish with videos of native speakers pronouncing key sounds so that you can see the mouth shapes

<http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/de.htm>

German tongue twisters

## Spanish

Excellent source of material to make your own Spanish Phonics activities

<http://www.spanishpronto.com/spanishpronto/index.html>

Introduction and guide to Spanish Pronunciation

[http://spanish.about.com/od/spanishpronunciation/Learn\\_Spanish\\_Pronunciation.htm](http://spanish.about.com/od/spanishpronunciation/Learn_Spanish_Pronunciation.htm)

Some more Spanish tongue twisters

[http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Spanish\\_tongue\\_twisters](http://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Spanish_tongue_twisters)

[http://www.alphadictionary.com/fun/tongue-twisters/spanish\\_tongue\\_twisters.html](http://www.alphadictionary.com/fun/tongue-twisters/spanish_tongue_twisters.html)

<http://spanish.about.com/cs/pronunciation/a/trabalenguas.htm>

<http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/es.htm>

## Miscellaneous

<http://www.forvo.com/>

All the words in the world pronounced by native speakers!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNQLmHKlmiE>

Language Fail! The importance of teaching the sound-written relationships and giving learners the written form of the language early! It is cringe-worthy but...

<http://text-to-speech.imtranslator.net/>

Type in text, choose language and hear how it should sound.

<http://www.digitaldialects.com/>

Free site for practising lots of different languages

Further thoughts and lots of additional links

<http://www.languageswithoutlimits.co.uk/phonics.html>

## Comic strips & authentic materials for pronunciation

1. Garfield and Calvin & Hobbs

<http://www.gocomics.com/espanol>

Garfield and Calvin & Hobbs and other cartoon strips to download

2. Mr Men

<http://www.mrmen.com/fr/>

This is the official Mr Men site in French – you can get pictures and French names for all the Mr Men characters here

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Mr\\_Men](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Mr_Men)

Wikipedia has a list of the Mr Men names in different languages. Use the French, German, Spanish names for them to practise pronunciation and teach character adjectives, provide inspiration for story writing too

3. Mafalda

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mafalda>

Background information

<http://www.clubcultura.com/clubhumor/mafalda/personajes/mafalda.htm>

More from the official website

<http://www.squidoo.com/mafalda>

Blog entry with loads of information and images

<http://video.google.co.uk/videosearch?q=Mafalda&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en->

[GB:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&oi=video\\_result\\_group&resnum=8&ct=title#](http://video.google.co.uk/videosearch?q=Mafalda&oe=utf-8&rls=org.mozilla:en-GB:official&client=firefox-a&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&oi=video_result_group&resnum=8&ct=title#)

Links to Mafalda video clips

# Newspaper headlines

<http://www.elpais.com/global/>

[http://www.abastodenoticias.com/noticias\\_curiosas.asp](http://www.abastodenoticias.com/noticias_curiosas.asp)

<http://www.gaceta.es/index.php>

Strange stories – follow links – usually headline & picture as well as the article – again make excellent starters or to do the What when where why who how?

<http://es.noticias.yahoo.com/insolitas.html>

<http://noticiasquecuriosas.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.noticiaslocas.com/>

This is my absolute favourite because of the pictures!

[www.typicallySpanish.com/news](http://www.typicallySpanish.com/news)

Stories come in English but the content is useful and links can then be followed to the real story in Spanish