

Definition

- An acute accent is a special mark that sometimes appears on the letter E in French.
- It slopes from lower left to upper right - é .
- It gives the E an "ay" sound.

Examples

zé <u>ro</u>	é <u>lé</u> phant
é <u>to</u> ile	É <u>m</u> ilie
fé <u>v</u> rier	cl <u>é</u>
araign <u>ée</u>	É <u>t</u> ampes

acute accents

- An acute accent looks a bit like an acute angle.
- An é sometimes shows that the word used to begin with es, and this often has a link with English. For example: école > escole > school

Facts

Not all accents on the letter E are acute accents:

grand-m <u>è</u> re	No <u>ë</u> l
for <u>ê</u> t	rivi <u>è</u> re

Misconceptions