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Alphabet

Vowels--

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[[first column]]

: as a in father

: as a in hall

e épée

" i " marine

" o in note

" u " rule ()

ø eu peur

[[second column]]

[[underline]]æ[[/underline]] as a in [[underline]]fat[[/underline]]

as a in what

e pen

i pin

o in bother

u in " put, pull

u " hut

[[end first table]]

Diphthongs

[[begin second table]]

[[first column]]

i i in fire

i oi in boil

u u in pure

[[second column]]

u ou rout

[[end second table]]

Nasals.

[[begin third table]]

[[first column]]

[[tilde ""], ä, , , ö, , [[tilde ""]] - are equivalent to the French & Portugeuse nasal sounds, as, sang, on, un, bem, sim, irmãa, etc.

[[second column]]

is the English & German nasal sound, as heard in sing, song, klang, enge, etc.

[[end third table]]

Consonants.

[[begin fourth table]]

[[across both columns]]

b, d, f, h, k, l, m, n

p, r, t, v, w, y, z } As in English.

[[first column]]

as sh in shall

g always hard as in get

Greek & German guttural

ð as th in this

[[second column]]

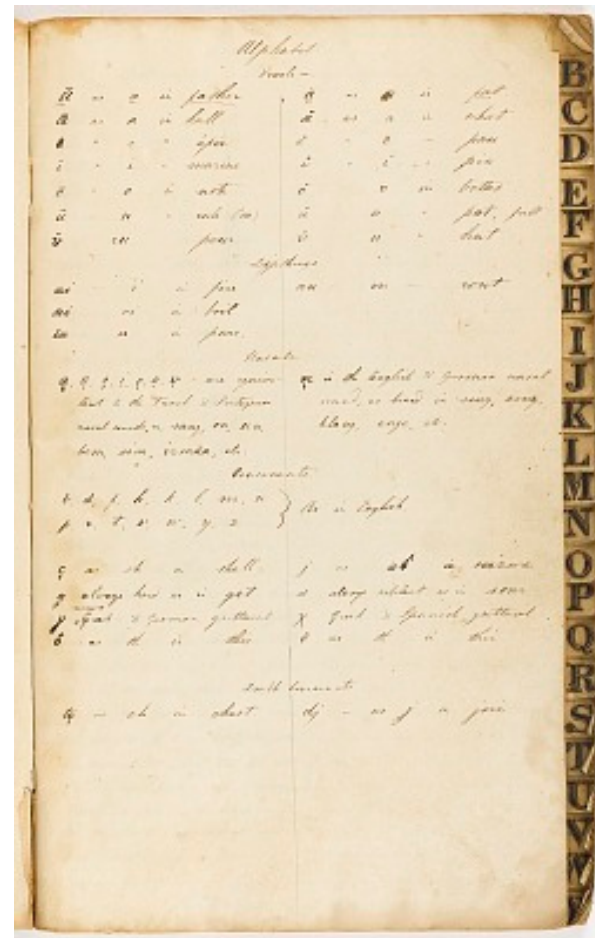
as z in seizure

s always sibilant as in sour

Greek & Spanish guttural

as th in thin

[[end fourth table]]



Double Consonants
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t as ch in chest
[[second column]]
d as j in join.
[[end fifth table]]

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