

Liaison

Languages

When to link words together, when not to, and why it matters.

Required

- Article + noun: les_amis
- Adjective + noun: petit_ami
- Pronoun + verb: nous_avons
- After one-syllable prepositions: en_hiver
- In fixed phrases: c'est-à-dire

Forbidden

- After et: et / il
- Before an aspirated h: les / héros
- After a singular noun: le garçon / arrive
- Before onze and un (the number)

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Optional liaison exists between the two, and using more of it makes speech sound more formal.

In liaison, s and x sound like z, and d sounds like t: grand_homme is 'gran-tomme'.