


Usage du Ç (prononcé “cé cédille) en français

Character Only used before vowels and only with the Letter C

1) Without Ç cédille- Hard sound (like K)

A	Une <u>ca</u> méra	photo camera	
	Une <u>ca</u> tégorie	category	
O	Une <u>co</u> pine	close female friend	
	Un <u>co</u> lis	a package	
U	Le <u>cu</u> mulus	cloud	
	La <u>cu</u> lpabilité	the guilt	

★ For same vowels, same English phonetics exist- Cat, Color & Cute

2) **With Ç** cédille- Soft sound (like S)

A	<u>Ç</u> a va bien	everythings fine	
	Comme ci, comme <u>ç</u> a	so, so	
O	Le ma <u>ç</u> on	the mason	
	Le gar <u>ç</u> on	the boy	
U	Tellement dé <u>ç</u> u	so disappointed	
	Un aper <u>ç</u> u sur	a glance at	

★ No English equivalent for the letter C- must use S sound -such as Saint, Solitude and Sum

3) Vowels soft naturally (no need for Ç)

E	La <u>ce</u> rise	cherry	
	La <u>ce</u> rémonie	ceremony	
I	Le <u>ci</u> el	sky	
	Le <u>ci</u> tron	lemon	
	Le <u>ci</u> ment	cement	
Y	La <u>bi</u> cyclette	bike	

★ For the vowel E, same English phonetics exists-such as Cent, Century or Cement

4) Soft vowels “made hard” with **the letter U** (sound like a K)

E	<u>C</u> ueillir	to pick (fruit, vegetables etc..)	
I	La <u>c</u> uillère	the spoon	
	La <u>c</u> uisine	the kitchen	
	Le <u>c</u> uisinier	the cook	

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