WALL book French diction exceptions, odd facts, mistakes (?) TK FEB 2016

229 "several letters(vowels) are often pronounced as a single sound"

ai au eau eaux eu ou   also see 238

229 the enya [ɲ] **DOES** exist in English(onion, canyon, companion, etc.) *251?

230 ai exception gai [ge]

230 au exception au before r   as in composer   Fauré [f ɔ re]

232 ill   million tranquil villages   = l sound

236 TK *tadpole theory head=consonant, tail=vowel "elongate the French vowel"

236 ending e(mute e) sung, if needed, as a schwa [ə] OR as [ø] for beauty of line

242 creuse jeûne, exceptions closed ø NOT œ. malheureuse BOTH [mal œ røz]

245 slightly lowering soft palate for nasal sounds! Try it! TK=nose pinch inside
Saying of "un   bon   vin   blanc" covers all four nasals [œ̃]   [õ]   [ɛ̃]   [ã]

249 close English pronunciations chaotic, obey for [e] & [o] plus really closed

252 "careful" to memorize final consonants usually sounded CRFL also 266

254 baisers rhyming for beauty [be- ze]   NOT [bɛ -ze]

*257 also *296 nasal plus N sound! sometimes! Un enfant SEE examples

260 lots of [a] [ɑ] EXCEPTIONS. REMEMBER THESE!   as   â

260 discrepancy? proclamer WALL [prɔ klɑ me]   Cassell's [pro kla me]

263 discrepancy? aurore Cassel's [o rɔ rə] Collins [ɔ rɔ rə]

264 "AY" exception for pays   [pe i]   usually rayon [rɛ jõ] payer [pɛ je]

264 explanation of dieresis [dɑi- ɛr -l-səs] ë as in Noël, (eng.) coöperation,
BUT exception Saint-Saëns [sɛ̃ s ãs]

266 MOST syllables **ARE** *tadpoles, NOT hiver, avec, hotel, cher, chef (see 252)

276 ill exceptions, million tranquil villages (valleys too!) and on page 295

278 mistake misprint   ort? fort

283 unusual sound -glide [ɥ] nuit [n ɥ i] suis [s ɥ i] suave [s ɥ a və]

nuage [n ɥ a ʒə]   faster than [y]!!!

294 fils = English son [fis], used more in songs! than fil = English thread [fil]

296 nasal and then n sound as well   en aimant, son âme,

298 for simplicity write all French r's as flipped [r]. Roll for very dramatic
emphasis

[œ̃] [õ] [ɛ̃] [ã]   [ɥ] [w] [j]   [ɲ]   [ʃ] [ʒ]

Un   bon   vin   blanc   n<u>ui</u>t   <u>ou</u>i b<u>ie</u>n sei<u>gn</u>eur <u>ch</u>ez je   ɔ ɛ œ ə