

TENSES REVISION

1. PRESENT TENSE FOR –ER VERBS

To conjugate a regular **-er** verb, drop the **-er** of the infinitive to get the stem. Then add the six present tense endings specific to **-er** verbs: **-e, -es, -e, -ons, -ez, -ent**, and you're done. Easy!

PARLER	TO SPEAK
je parle	I speak
tu parles	You speak (singular)
il/elle/on parle	He/She/We speak(s)
nous parlons	We speak
vous parlez	You speak (plural)
ils/elles parlent	They speak (masculine/feminine)

Remember that some verbs are irregular and they don't follow these rules. Some of those verbs are **avoir** (to have), **être** (to be), **faire** (to do/make) and **aller** (to go).

avoir to have	j'ai tu as il/elle/on a	nous avons vous avez ils/elles ont	être to be	je suis tu es il/elle/on est	nous sommes vous êtes ils/elles sont
faire to do/ make	je fais tu fais il/elle/on fait	nous faisons vous faites ils/elles font	aller to go	je vais tu vas il/elle/on va	nous allons vous allez ils/elles vont

2. PRESENT TENSE FOR –IR VERBS

To conjugate a regular **-ir** verb follow the same steps that you followed with **-er** verbs: drop the **-ir** of the infinitive to get the stem. Then add the six present tense endings specific to **-ir** verbs: **-is, -is, -e, -issons, -issez, -issent**.

CHOISIR	TO CHOOSE
je choisis	I choose
tu choisis	You choose (singular)
il/elle/on choisit	He/She/We choose(s)
nous choisissons	We choose
vous choisissez	You choose (plural)
ils/elles choisissent	They choose (masculine/feminine)

3. PRESENT TENSE FOR –RE VERBS

To conjugate a regular **-re** verb drop the **-re** of the infinitive to get the stem. Then add the six present tense endings specific to **-re** verbs: **-s, -s, -, -ons, -ez, -ent**.

VENDRE	TO SELL
je vends	I sell
tu vends	You sell (singular)
il/elle/on vend	He/She/We sell(s)
nous vendons	We sell
vous vendez	You sell (plural)
ils/elles vendent	They sell (masculine/feminine)

4. FORMING NEGATIVE VERBS

ne... pas means 'not' and forms a sandwich around the main verb. Example:
Vous **ne** mangez **pas** (You don't eat)

ne ... jamais means 'never' and it also forms a sandwich around the main verb. Example:
Je **ne** lis **jamais** (I never read)

Remember to use the apostrophe when there are two vowels together (Je **n'**aime **pas** animaux!)

5. PAST TENSE

To form the past tense, use part of the verb **avoir** and the past participle. To form the past participle of **-er** verbs, take the **-er** off and replace it with **-é**. Examples:

regarder (to watch) → J'ai regardé (I have watched/I watched)
jouer (to play) → J'ai joué (I have played/I played)