

# Le Futur Simple

The future simple is used to express the English word “will”, such as I will go to the store after school. It is one of the easiest tenses in French.

To form the future simple:

1. Take the infinitive of the verb (the word you would find in the dictionary with the –er, -ir or –re endings)
2. Drop the infinitive ending for –er and –ir verbs, drop only the –e for –re verbs. This leaves you with the stem of the verb
3. Add the endings that match your subject:

Subject	Ending	Subject	Ending
Je	<b>ai</b>	Nous	<b>ons</b>
Tu	<b>as</b>	Vous	<b>ez</b>
Il/Elle	<b>a</b>	Ils/Elles	<b>ont</b>

There are verbs in French that have irregular stems. Unfortunately, these verbs are some of the most common verbs used in French. The good news is that the endings that you add to the stem are the same.

Here is a list of the irregular verb stems for the futur simple:

<b>être 'to be'</b>	
je <b>serai</b> , I will be	nous <b>serons</b> , we will be
tu <b>seras</b> , you will be	vous <b>serez</b> , you will be
il, elle / on <b>sera</b> , he, she (it) / one will be	ils / elles <b>seront</b> , they will be

<b>avoir 'to have'</b>	
j' <b>aurai</b> , I will have	nous <b>aurons</b> , we will have
tu <b>auras</b> , you will have	vous <b> aurez</b> , you will have
il, elle / on <b>aura</b> , he, she (it) / one will have	ils / elles <b>auront</b> , they will have

<b>infinitive</b>	<b>stem</b>	<b>future</b>	<b>translation</b>
aller	<b>ir-</b>	j'irai	I will go
courir	<b>courr-</b>	je courrai	I will run
devoir	<b>devr-</b>	je devrai	I will be obliged to
envoyer	<b>enverr-</b>	j'enverrai	I will send
faire	<b>fer-</b>	je ferai	I will do
falloir	<b>faudr-</b>	il faudra	it will be necessary
mourir	<b>mourr-</b>	je mourrai	I will die
obtenir	<b>obtiendr-</b>	j'obtiendrai	I will obtain
pleuvoir	<b>pleuvr-</b>	il pleuvra	it will rain
pouvoir	<b>pourr-</b>	je pourrai	I will be able
recevoir	<b>recevr-</b>	je recevrai	I will receive
savoir	<b>saur-</b>	je saurai	I will know
tenir	<b>tiendr-</b>	je tiendrai	I will hold
venir	<b>viendr-</b>	je viendrai	I will come
voir	<b>verr-</b>	je verrai	I will see
vouloir	<b>voudr-</b>	je voudrai	I will want