

Subject pronouns:

Je - I

Tu - you (sing.)

Il - He

Elle - She

On - we (informal, familiar)

Nous - we (formal)

Vous - you (plural or polite)

Ils - They (group that has at least 1
guy)

Elles - They (group of all girls)

How to conjugate verbs:

The infinitive of the verb is the verb in the -er, -ir, or -re form (ex. parler, choisir, prendre)

To conjugate the verbs, you need to drop the verb ending (-er, -ir, or -re). When you drop the ending of the verb, you are left with the "STEM" of the verb. You add the endings that match the subject of the sentence to the stem of the verb.

We will see examples of this in a couple pages.

For REGULAR -ER verbs the endings are:

Je - e

Tu - es

Il - e

Elle - e

On - e

Nous - ons

Vous - ez

Ils - ent

Example: PARLER (to talk, to speak)

Infinitive = PARLER

Stem = PARL (the infinitive without the -er)

Je parle (I speak, I am speaking)

Tu parles (You speak, you are speaking)

Il parle (He speaks, he is speaking)

Elle parle (She speaks, she is speaking)

On parle (We talk, we are talking)

Nous parlons (We talk, we are talking)

Vous parlez (You talk, you are talking)

Ils parlent (They speak, they are speaking)

Elles parlent (They speak, they are speaking)

For REGULAR -IR verbs, the endings are:

Je - **is**

Tu - **is**

Il - **it**

Elle - **it**

On - **it**

Nous - **issons**

Vous - **issez**

Ils - **issent**

Elles - **issent**

Example: CHOISIR (to choose)

Infinitive = CHOISIR

Stem = CHOIS (the infinitive without the -ir)

Je chois**is** (I choose, I am choosing)

Tu chois**is** (You choose, you are choosing)

Il chois**it** (He chooses, he is choosing)

Elle chois**it** (She chooses, she is choosing)

On chois**it** (We choose, we are choosing)

Nous chois**issons** (We choose, we are choosing)

Vous chois**issez** (You choose, you are choosing)

Ils chois**issent** (They choose, they are choosing)

Elles chois**issent** (They choose, they are choosing)

For REGULAR - RE verbs, the endings are:

Je - **s**

Tu - **s**

Il - **_**

Elle - **_**

On - **_**

Nous - **ons**

Vous - **ez**

Ils - **ent**

Elles - **ent**

Example: RÉPONDRE (to answer, to respond)

Infinitive = RÉPONDRE

Stem = RÉPOND (the infinitive without the -re)

Je répond**s** (I answer, I am answering)

Tu répond**s** (You answer, you are answering)

Il répond**_** (He answers, he is answering)

Elle répond**_** (She answers, she is answering)

On répond**_** (We answer, we are answering)

Nous répond**ons** (We answer, we are answering)

Vous répond**ez** (You answer, you are answering)

Ils répond**ent** (They answer, they are answering)

Elles répond**ent** (They answer, they are answering)

PRACTICE!

Unfortunately, the most common verbs in French are IRREGULAR. That means that their conjugations do not follow the regular rule of adding the proper endings to the stem.

These verb conjugations need to be memorized.

The verbs are: avoir, être, aller, faire, savoir, devoir, pouvoir, vouloir

AVOIR - to have

French	English	French	English
J'ai	I have, I am having	Nous avons	We have, are having
Tu as	You (sing) have, are having	Vous avez	You (pl) have, are having
Il/Elle a	He/She has, is having	Ils/Elles ont	They have, are having

ÊTRE - to be

French	English	French	English
Je suis	I am, am being	Nous sommes	We are, are being
Tu es	You (sing) are, are being	Vous êtes	You (pl) are, are being
Il/Elle est	He/She is, is being	Ils/Elles sont	They are, are being

ALLER - to go

French	English	French	English
Je vais	I go, am going	Nous allons	We go, are going
Tu vas	You (sing) go, are going	Vous allez	You (pl) go, are going
Il/Elle va	He/She goes, is going	Ils/Elles vont	They go, are going

FAIRE - to make, to do

French	English	French	English
Je fais	I make, am making, do, am doing	Nous faisons	We make, are making, do, are doing
Tu fais	You (sing) make, are making, do, are doing	Vous faites	You (pl) make, are making, do, are doing
Il/Elle fait	He/She makes, is making, does, is doing	Ils/Elles font	They make, are making, do, are doing

SAVOIR - to know (a fact, how to do something)

French	English	French	English
Je sais	I know, do know	Nous savons	We know, do know
Tu sais	You (sing) know, do know	Vous savez	You (pl) know, do know
Il/Elle sait	He/She knows, does know	Ils/Elles savent	They know, do know

POUVOIR - to be able to, can

French	English	French	English
Je peux	I am able to, can	Nous pouvons	We are able to, can
Tu peux	You (sing) are able to, can	Vous pouvez	You (pl) are able to, can
Il/Elle peut	He/She is able to, can	Ils/Elles peuvent	They are able to, can

DEVOIR - to have to, must

French	English	French	English
Je dois	I have to, must	Nous devons	We have to, must
Tu dois	You (sing) have to, must	Vous devez	You (pl) have to, must
Il/Elle doit	He/She has to, must	Ils/Elles doivent	They have to, must

VOULOIR - to want

French	English	French	English
Je veux	I want, am wanting	Nous voulons	We want, are wanting
Tu veux	You (sing) want, are wanting	Vous voulez	You (pl) want, are wanting
Il/Elle veut	He/She wants, is wanting	Ils/Elles veulent	They want, are wanting