

LE PRESENT - 1^{ER} GROUPE

PRESENT TENSE - 1st GROUP

EXPLANATIONS

In French, verbs are classified in **3 different group**.

Today we are going to focus on the **1st group**.

This group contains all the **verbs ending in « ER »** in the INFINITIVE FORM,

Examples: **Parler** (To speak) **Manger** (To eat) **Donner** (To give) ...

Because all those verbs end in « **ER** »,
they follow the **same conjugation pattern**.

To make sure your conjugation in the present tense is correct,
simply use the following steps :

STEP 1

Identify the **ROOT** and the **ENDING** of the verb

Let's use the verb « **Parler** » which means « **To speak / To talk** »

ROOT

ENDING

Parl

er

STEP 2

Get rid of the «ER», and replace it by the proper **ending**.



SUBJECT	ROOT	ENDING	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
	PARL	ER	[pa r lé]	TO SPEAK / TOTALK
Je	parl	e	[pa r l]	I speak.
Tu	parl	es	[pa r l]	You speak.
Il / Elle	parl	e	[pa r l]	He / She speaks
Nous	parl	ons	[pa r lon]	We speak.
Vous	parl	ez	[pa r lé]	You speak
Ils / Elles	parl	ent	[pa r l]	They speak.

NOTE

Again, **VERBS ending with «ER»** in the INFINITIVE FORM
will follow the same conjugation pattern :

e / es / e / ons / ez / ent

Only one exception : the verb « ALLER » (to go)

But we already learned it previously.

ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES

SUBJECT	ROOT	ENDING	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
	JOU	ER	[jou é]	TO PLAY
Je	jou	e	[jou]	I play.
Tu	jou	es	[jou]	You play.
Il / Elle	jou	e	[jou]	He / She plays.
Nous	jou	ons	[jou on]	We play.
Vous	jou	ez	[jou é]	You play.
Ils / Elles	jou	ent	[jou]	They play.

SUBJECT	ROOT	ENDING	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
	ÉTUDI	ER	[é tu di é]	TO STUDY
J'	étudi	e	[é tu di]	I study
Tu	étudi	es	[é tu di]	You study.
Il / Elle	étudi	e	[é tu di]	He / She studies.
Nous	étudi	ons	[é tu di on]	We study.
Vous	étudi	ez	[é tu di é]	You study.
Ils / Elles	étudi	ent	[é tu di]	They study.



MORE VERBS FOR YOU TO USE

VERB

PRONUNCIATION

MEANING

Cuisiner

[ku i zi né]

To cook

Je ne **cuisine** pas.

[je ne ku i zi n pa]

I don't cook.

Manger

[man jé]

To eat

Tu **manges** du pain.

[tu man j ...]

You eat some bread.

Aimer

[è mé]

To like / To love

J'**aime** les chats.

[jè m ...]

I like cats.

Embrasser

[an bra sé]

To kiss

Tu **embrasses** ton amie.

[tu an bra s ...]

You kiss your friend.

Aider

[è dé]

To help

Elle **aide** son étudiante.

[è lè d ...]

She helps her student.

Donner

[do né]

To give

Il **donne** du chocolat.

[i l dô n ...]

He gives some chocolate.

Appeler

[a pe lé]

To call (out / on the phone)

Il **appelle** son professeur.

[i la pè l ...]

He calls his teacher.



MORE VERBS FOR YOU TO USE

VERB	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
Oublier	[ou bli é]	To forget
Vous oubliez votre vélo.	[vou zou bli é ...]	You forget your bicycle.
Poser une question	[po zé u n kès ti on]	To ask a question
Nous posons une question	[nou po zon ...]	We ask a question.
Travailler	[tra va yé]	To work
Elle travaille en France.	[è l tra va y ...]	She works in France.
Acheter	[a che té]	To buy
Nous achetons un vélo.	[nou za che ton ...]	We buy a bicycle.
Payer	[pè yé]	To pay
Ils ne payent pas.	[i l ne pè y pa]	They don't pay.
Voyager	[vou a ya jé]	To travel
Ils voyagent en Chine.	[i l vou a ya j ...]	They travel to China.
Dessiner	[dè si né]	To draw
Vous dessinez une maison.	[vou dè si né ...]	You draw a house.