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VERBS IN THE PRESENT TENSE

Regular -er Verbs

Verbs are 'doing' words, such as *to run, to walk, to eat* etc.

When you look up a verb in French, you need to look for the *infinitive* form, which always ends in **-er**: *jouer* (to play).

Next:

1. remove the **-er**.
2. take the *stem*, e.g. **jou** and add the correct ending according to the pronoun (je, tu, il etc). All regular verbs follow the same pattern:

manger	To play	Endings
Je jou<u>e</u>	<i>I play</i>	-e
Tu jou<u>es</u> (singular)	<i>You play</i>	-es
Il/elle/ jou<u>e</u>	<i>He/she plays</i>	-e
Nous jou<u>ons</u>	<i>We play</i>	-ons
Vous jou<u>ez</u> (plural)	<i>You play</i>	-ez
Ils/elles jou<u>ent</u>	<i>They (masculine / feminine) play</i>	-ent

Regular **-er** verbs we already know:

parler *to talk*
jouer *to play*
habiter *to live*

Write down some more **-er** verbs that you know:

Now lets check your understanding:

What is a verb? _____

What is an infinitive? _____

What is the stem? _____

What is the pronoun? _____

Exercises:

Use the rule on the previous page to do the following exercises.

REMEMBER the rule is there to help you.

1. Add the correct endings on the verbs.

1. Example: J'achètee (I buy)
2. Nous nous appell_____ (We are called)
3. Ils mont_____ (They climb)
4. Vous retourn_____ (You return)
5. Elle tomb_____ (She falls)

2. Complete the sentences using the correct verb forms

e.g. Au collège, je_____ (jouer) avec mes copains

Au collège, je joue avec mes copains

1. Nous_____ (habiter) dans un village
2. Il_____ (danser) avec Anna.
3. Tu_____ (parler) trop.
4. Vous_____ (promener) le chien.
5. Elles_____ (créer) beaucoup de choses.

3. Write the French for the following phrases:

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| 1. I eat | _____ | (manger = to eat) |
| 2. They sing | _____ | (chanter = to sing) |
| 3. We shout | _____ | (crier = to shout) |
| 4. She likes | _____ | (aimer = to like) |
| 5. You swim | _____ | (nager = to swim) |

4. Write 5 of your own sentences, using the regular **-er** verbs.

5. **EXTRA CHALLENGE (Optional):** Translate the sentences from ex. 2 into English! Use www.wordreference.com to look up the words. Select French-English in the drop down tab.