

THE PRESENT TENSE *LE PRÉSENT*

FORM

Regular -er verbs

Add the following endings to the stem of the verb:

	<i>Example: verb regarder = to watch</i>
-e	Je regarde = <i>I watch/I am watching</i>
-es	Tu regardes = <i>You watch/You are watching</i>
-e	Il/Elle regarde = <i>He/She watches/is watching</i>
-ons	Nous regardons = <i>We watch/We are watching</i>
-ez	Vous regardez = <i>You watch/You are watching</i>
-ent	Ils/Elles regardent = <i>They watch/They are watching</i>

Regular -ir verbs

Add the following endings to the stem of the verb:

	<i>Example: verb choisir = to choose</i>
-is	Je choisis = <i>I choose/I am choosing</i>
-is	Tu choisies = <i>You choose/You are choosing</i>
-it	Il/Elle choisit = <i>He/She chooses/is choosing</i>
-issons	Nous choisissons = <i>We choose/We are choosing</i>
-issez	Vous choisissez = <i>You choose/You are choosing</i>
-issent	Ils/Elles choisissent = <i>They choose/They are choosing</i>

Regular -re verbs

Add the following endings to the stem of the verb:

Example: verb *vendre* = *to sell*

- s Je vends = *I sell/I am selling*
- s Tu vends = *You sell/You are selling*
- Il/Elle vend = *He/She sells/is selling*
- ons Nous vendons = *We sell/We are selling*
- ez Vous vendez = *You sell/You are selling*
- ent Ils/Elles vendent = *They sell/They are selling*

Many common verbs are irregular in the present tense and should be **learned off by heart**.

Examples: verb aller = to go

Je vais = *I go/I am going*

Tu vas = *You go/You are going*

Il/Elle va = *He/She goes/is going*

Nous allons = *We go/We are going*

Vous allez = *You go/You are going*

Ils/Elles vont = *They go/They are*

going

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