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| To conjugate an -ER verb in the present tense, remove the infinitive ending and then add the appropriate endings. For example, here are the present tense conjugations for the regular -ER verbs *parler* (to speak), *donner* (to give), and *visiter* (to visit): |
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| [Pronoun](http://french.about.com/od/grammar/ss/subjectpronouns.htm) | Ending | [*parler*](http://french.about.com/od/verb_conjugations/a/parler.htm) > *parl-* | [*donner*](http://french.about.com/od/verb_conjugations/a/donner.htm) > *donn-* | [*visiter*](http://french.about.com/od/verb_conjugations/a/visiter.htm) > *visit-* |     |
|  je |  -e | parle | donne | visite |    |
|  tu |  -es | parles | donnes | visites |    |
|  il |  -e | parle | donne | visite |    |
|  nous |  -ons | parlons | donnons | visitons |    |
|  vous |  -ez | parlez | donnez | visitez |    |
|  ils |  -ent | parlent | donnent | visitent |    |
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| To conjugate an -IR verb in the present tense, remove the infinitive ending and then add the appropriate endings. For example, here are the present tense conjugations for the regular -IR verbs *choisir* (to choose), *finir* (to finish), and *réussir* (to succeed): |
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| [Pronoun](http://french.about.com/od/grammar/ss/subjectpronouns.htm) | Ending | [*choisir*](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl_choisir.htm) > *chois-* | [*finir*](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl_finir.htm) > *fin-* | [*réussir*](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl_reussir.htm) > *réuss-* |     |
|  je |  -is | choisis | finis | réussis |    |
|  tu |  -is | choisis | finis | réussis |    |
|  il |  -it | choisit | finit | réussit |    |
|  nous |  -issons | choisissons | finissons | réussissons |    |
|  vous |  -issez | choisissez | finissez | réussissez |    |
|  ils |  -issent | choisissent | finissent | réussissent |    |
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| To conjugate an -RE verb in the present tense, remove the infinitive ending and then add the appropriate endings. For example, here are the present tense conjugations for the regular -RE verbs descendre (to descend), perdre (to lose), and vendre (to sell): |
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| [Pronoun](http://french.about.com/od/grammar/ss/subjectpronouns.htm) | Ending | [*descendre*](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl_descendre.htm) > *descend-* | [*perdre*](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl_perdre.htm) > *perd-* | [*vendre*](http://french.about.com/library/verb/bl_vendre.htm) > *vend-* |     |
|  je |  -s | descends | perds | vends |    |
|  tu |  -s | descends | perds | vends |    |
|  il |  - | descend | perd | vend |    |
|  nous |  -ons | descendons | perdons | vendons |    |
|  vous |  -ez | descendez | perdez | vendez |    |
|  ils |  -ent | descendent | perdent | vendent |    |
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Irregular verbs are many! Here are some of the common ones.

