

Intermediate Course – Lesson 9 Summary

Recap: the present tense of regular verbs

Add the endings of the present tense to the **STEM** of the verb.

The stem is what left of the verb after you remove the **-ER, -IR or -RE** of the infinitive.

	-ER verbs	-IR verbs	-RE verbs
1 st Person Sing. Je	-e	-is	-s
2 nd Person Sing. Tu	-es	-is	-s
3 rd Person Sing. Il/ elle / on	-e	-it	(nothing)
1 st Person Pl. Nous	-ons	-issons	-ons
2 nd Person Pl. Vous	-ez	-issez	-ez
3 rd Person Pl. Ils / elles	-ent	-issent	-ent

What is an irregular verb?

A verb that does not follow the normal pattern of the present tense; it has its own.

Very commonly used.

Verbs I have already covered in my courses:

être – to be
avoir – to have
aller – to go
vouloir – to want
pouvoir – can
devoir – must
savoir – know

Infinitive verb: Dire [deer]- to say, to tell

1 st Person Singular. Je	dis	[dee]
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	dis	[dee]
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	dit	[dee]
1 st Person Plural. Nous	disons	[deezō]
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	dites	[deet]
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	disent	[deez]

prédire – to predict
médire – to slander
interdire – to forbid
contredire – to contradict

Work the same way as **dire** except for:

← prédisez, médisez,
interdisez, contredisez

Infinitive verb: Faire [fehr]- to do, to make

1 st Person Singular. Je	fais	[feh]
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	fais	[feh]
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	fait	[feh]
1 st Person Plural. Nous	faisons	[fuhzō]
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	faites	[feht]
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	font	[fō]

Infinitive verb: voir [vwahr]- to see

1 st Person Singular. Je	vois	[vwaha]
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	vois	[vwaha]
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	voit	[vwaha]
1 st Person Plural. Nous	voyons	[vwaha-eeō]
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	voyez	[vwaha-ee⊙]
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	voient	[vwah]

Infinitive verb: prendre [prādr]- to take

1 st Person Singular. Je	prends	[prā]
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	prends	[prā]
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	prend	[prā]
1 st Person Plural. Nous	prenons	[pruhnō]
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	prenez	[pruh⊙]
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	prennent	[prehn]

apprendre – to learn
comprendre – to understand
entreprendre – to undertake
reprendre – to retake, to take again
surprendre – to surprise

Infinitive verb: mettre [mehtr]- to put, to place

1 st Person Singular. Je	 mets 	[meh]
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	 mets 	[meh]
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	 met 	[meh]
1 st Person Plural. Nous	 mettons 	[mehtō]
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	 mettez 	[meht⊙]
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	 mettent 	[meht]

admettre – to admit
commettre – to commit
compromettre – to compromise
permettre – to permit
promettre – to promise
remettre – to postpone, to give
soumettre – to submit
transmettre – to transmit

Infinitive verb: tenir [tuhneer]- to hold

1 st Person Singular. Je	 tiens 	[teeē]
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	 tiens 	[teeē]
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	 tient 	[teeē]
1 st Person Plural. Nous	 tenons 	[tuhnō]
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	 tenez 	[tuhn⊙]
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	 tiennent 	[tee-ehn]

abstenir – to refrain, to abstain
appartenir – to belong to
contenir – to contain
détenir – to detain
entretenir – to look after, to support
maintenir – to maintain
obtenir – to obtain
retenir – to retain
soutenir – to support

Infinitive verb: venir [vuhneer]- to come			
1 st Person Singular. Je	viens	[veeē]	advenir - to happen circonvenir - to circumvent convenir - to suit, to be suitable devenir - to become intervenir - to intervene parvenir - to reach, to achieve prévenir - to warn souvenir - to remember subvenir - to provide for survenir - to occur, to take place
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	viens	[veeē]	
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	vient	[veeē]	
1 st Person Plural. Nous	venons	[vuhnō]	
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	venez	[vuhn@]	
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	viennent	[vee-ehn]	

Infinitive verb: manger [māj@]- to eat			
1 st Person Singular. Je	mange	[māj]	bouger - to move changer - to change corriger - to correct décourager - to discourage déménager - to move déranger - to disturb diriger - to direct encourager - to encourage engager - to bind exiger - to demand juger - to judge loger - to lodge mélanger - to mix nager - to swim obliger - to oblige partager - to share rédigier - to write voyager - to travel
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	manges	[māj]	
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	mange	[māj]	
1 st Person Plural. Nous	mangeons	[mājō]	
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	mangez	[māj@]	
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	mangent	[māj]	

Infinitive verb: lancer [lās@]- to throw			
1 st Person Singular. Je	lance	[lās]	annoncer - to announce avancer - to advance commencer - to commence dénoncer - to denounce divorcer - to divorce effacer - to erase menacer - to threaten placer - to put prononcer - to pronounce remplacer - to replace renoncer - to renounce
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	lances	[lās]	
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	lance	[lās]	
1 st Person Plural. Nous	lançons	[lāsō]	
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	lancez	[lās@]	
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	lancent	[lās]	

Infinitive verb: acheter [ahshuht@]- to buy			
1 st Person Singular. J'	achète	[ahsheht]	amener - to bring enlever - to take off espérer - to hope geler - to freeze lever - to lift posséder - to own préférer - to prefer se promener - to take a stroll répéter - to repeat suggérer - to suggest
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	achètes	[ahsheht]	
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	achète	[ahsheht]	
1 st Person Plural. Nous	achetons	[ahshuhtō]	
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	achetez	[ahshuht@]	
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	achètent	[ahsheht]	

Infinitive verb: payer [peh-ee@]- to pay			
1 st Person Singular. Je	paie	[peh]	aboyer - to bark balayer - to sweep effrayer - to frighten ennuyer - to bore, to annoy envoyer - to send essayer - to try essuyer - to wipe nettoyer - to clean renvoyer - to send back, to fire
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	paies	[peh]	
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	paie	[peh]	
1 st Person Plural. Nous	payons	[peh-eeō]	
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	payez	[peh-ee@]	
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	paient	[peh]	

Infinitive verb: appeler [ahpuhl@]- to call			
1 st Person Singular. J'	appelle	[ahpehl]	épeler - to spell out étinceler - to sparkle feuilleter - to leaf through a book jeter - to throw away renouveler - to renew
2 nd Person Singular. Tu	appelles	[ahpehl]	
3 rd Person Singular. Il/ elle / on	appelle	[ahpehl]	
1 st Person Plural. Nous	appelons	[ahpuhlō]	
2 nd Person Plural. Vous	appelez	[ahpuhl@]	
3 rd Person Plural. Ils / elles	appellent	[ahpehl]	



Tips for memorising irregular verbs

- Learn one verb at a time
- Listen and repeat
- Revisit your learning
- Learn with the pronouns
- Write them down
- Remember what makes them irregular