

Regular verbs : Present

French verbs have to be conjugated. This means that the endings will change according to the tense (present, future...) and the person (je, tu, il...).

The verbs ending in -er are very numerous in French.

To form the present tense of regular verbs ending in -er, one needs to keep the stem of the verb, cross out the - er ending and add the following endings:

- Je/J' : XXXXX-e
- Tu : XXXXX-es
- Il/Elle : XXXXX-e
- Nous : XXXXX-ons
- Vous : XXXXX-ez
- Ils/Elles : XXXXX-ent

Examples

Je (travailler) : Je travaill- + e = Je travaille. Nous (habiter) : Nous habit- + ons = Nous habitons.

You use J' instead of Je with verbs starting with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u, y) or a silent 'h'. In French, 'y' is a vowel.

Examples

J'aime / J'habite.

For all the persons, except 'nous' and 'vous', the final syllable is silent, and only the stem is pronounced.

Examples

Je travaill-e / tu travaill-es / il travaill-e / ils travaill-ent

But:

Nous habit-ons / vous habit-ez

Habiter / travailler + à + place where we are.

Examples

Je travaille à Versailles. J'habite à Paris.

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