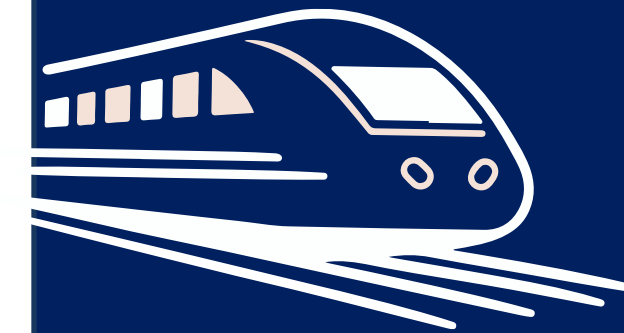




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- **When to use it:**

Le “présent simple” is the present tense.

It is used to talk about **habits, facts, opinions, and routines.**

- **How to use it:**

In French, verbs are divided into 3 groups:

1) **The first group:** verbs ending in -ER (except “Aller”)

2) **The second group:** verbs ending in -IR (choisir; finir; réussir)

3) **The third group:** all the other verbs (verbs ending in -OIR, -RE, and some -IR verbs)

1) **To conjugate a verb from the first group - ER verbs:**

- Remove the infinitive ending: **parler**
- Keep the stem: **parl-**
- Add the correct ending : Je parle**e** ; tu parle**s** ; il/elle/on parle**e** ; nous parle**ons** ; vous parle**ez** ; ils/elles parle**nt**.

2) **To conjugate a verb from the second group - IR verbs:**

- Remove the infinitive ending : **finir**
- Keep the stem : **fin-**
- Add the correct ending : Je fin**is** ; tu fin**is** ; il/elle/on fin**it** ; nous fin**issons** ; vous fin**issez** ; ils/elles fin**issent**.

3) **The third-group verbs:**

- ! They are irregular, so you need to practice and use them as much as possible !



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Au revoir et à bientôt !



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