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French Verbs (Quickstudy: Academic)

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VERB COMPONENTS

The Infinitive
The most basic form of the verb, such as *chanter* (to sing), *lire* (to read), *prendre* (to take), *voir* (to see).

- Verbs are conjugated in a stem or ending.
- The first portion of the verb, such as *chant-*, *lire-*, *prend-*.
- And infinitive ending:
The last letters in the verb, such as *-er*, *-ir*, *-re*, *-tre*, *-re*, *-re*, and the ending create the verb, *chanter*, *lire*, *prendre*, *voir*, etc.

REGULAR VERBS

1-ER VERBS

Verbs ending in *-er* are the most numerous; they follow the same conjugation as the verb *chanter*.

Common -er verbs:

<i>chanter</i>	to sing
<i>danser</i>	to dance
<i>déjeuner</i>	to eat
<i>finir</i>	to finish
<i>lire</i>	to read
<i>travailler</i>	to work
<i>vendre</i>	to sell
<i>voir</i>	to see

2-IR VERBS

Verbs with infinitives ending in *-ir*, and also a present participle ending in *-issant*, they follow the same conjugation as the verb *lire*.

Common -ir verbs:

<i>accueillir</i>	to accept/greet
<i>choisir</i>	to choose
<i>essayer</i>	to try
<i>finir</i>	to finish
<i>travailler</i>	to work

3-RE VERBS

Verbs with infinitives ending in *-re*, and also a present participle ending in *-issant*, they follow the same conjugation as the verb *lire*.

Common -re verbs:

<i>attendre</i>	to wait for
<i>recevoir</i>	to receive
<i>profiter</i>	to enjoy
<i>recevoir</i>	to give back
<i>vendre</i>	to sell

4-RE VERBS

Verbs with infinitives ending in *-re*, and also a present participle ending in *-issant*, they follow the same conjugation as the verb *lire*.

Common -re verbs:

<i>attendre</i>	to wait for
<i>recevoir</i>	to receive
<i>profiter</i>	to enjoy
<i>recevoir</i>	to give back
<i>vendre</i>	to sell

5-RE VERBS

Verbs with infinitives ending in *-re*, and also a present participle ending in *-issant*, they follow the same conjugation as the verb *lire*.

Common -re verbs:

<i>attendre</i>	to wait for
<i>recevoir</i>	to receive
<i>profiter</i>	to enjoy
<i>recevoir</i>	to give back
<i>vendre</i>	to sell

SIMPLE TENSES

Present (le présent)

1. Regular -er verbs

<i>chant</i> + e	<i>chant</i> + es
<i>chant</i> + e	<i>chant</i> + e
<i>chant</i> + e	<i>chant</i> + e
<i>chant</i> + e	<i>chant</i> + e

2. Regular -ir verbs

<i>lit</i> + s	<i>lit</i> + s
<i>lit</i> + s	<i>lit</i> + s
<i>lit</i> + s	<i>lit</i> + s
<i>lit</i> + s	<i>lit</i> + s

3. Regular -re verbs

<i>lit</i> + s	<i>lit</i> + s
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Conditional (le conditionnel présent)

1. Regular -er verbs

<i>chant</i> + erais	<i>chant</i> + erais
<i>chant</i> + erais	<i>chant</i> + erais
<i>chant</i> + erais	<i>chant</i> + erais
<i>chant</i> + erais	<i>chant</i> + erais

2. Regular -ir verbs

<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais
<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais
<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais
<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais

3. Regular -re verbs

<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais
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<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais
<i>lit</i> + irais	<i>lit</i> + irais



Synopsis

A summary of regular and irregular verbs.

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Customer Reviews

Purchased all three of these study cards after buying the Rosetta Stone program. While the Rosetta Stone was working fine, I realized that I was having issues with verbs, etc. that really were not being discussed in the first steps of the Rosetta program. These cards are great and I would recommend them to anyone learning a new language. They provided enough information to be able to clarify what I was hearing on the Rosetta program, making the verbs, tenses, etc. all make sense.

Unfortunately, this study aid only conjugates the -er and -ir forms of the regular verbs. It mentions the -re and -oir forms and then mentions them no further. So, if you are looking for how to conjugate apprendre (as I was) this study aid will be of no help. On a positive note, it does attempt to explain the uses of the outrageous overabundance of French tenses. (What could the French possibly be trying to communicate that would require fourteen tenses?) And it makes an effort to cover some of the more important irregular verbs. However, the fact that it did not conjugate all the regular verb forms was just disheartening, and I put it away. Really, they need a third page to fold out. French verbs just cannot be done on two sheets of paper.

GREAT for learners OR for review. Grammar is a challenge for most people even in their own

language! I love this - keep one at home and one at work. STRONGLY recommend it.

I have bought this, and all the other French QuickStudy sets. Trust me, they are incredibly helpful. My professor saw them in my folder and exclaimed "oh! Those are incredibly helpful! Really good!". If my professor says so, and I'm saying so...trust us ;) They're organized nicely, with different colors per section to help with the organization and for quickly finding what you need. they fit nicely into any binder. They're also laminated with great quality plastic. These things won't get ruined, no matter how hard you may try. Trust me, they're cheap and incredible quality. You want these.

Bought this for my first year High Schooler who takes French. He loved it and put it right into his French Binder (has 3 ring binder holes punched into it). Good lamination, thick and you can tell it will stand up through the year or two of French for an active student. Today was his first day in school, his friends were impressed and want them for themselves. His French teacher praised him for a smart buy and being prepared. It also is easy to understand and put together so it's easy on the eyes as well as it covers the major things needed in french class.

Excellent study aid and reference guide. So glad we got this for our daughter. It helped me review/teach her basic concepts that she was unable to learn from the teacher. If the teacher just isn't cutting it, it's better to learn from different aids than to just give up and score poorly in the class.

This company offers three separate products for French: Vocabulary, Grammar and Verbs. I suggest that you purchase not just this one, but all three. I can't think of anything you would normally need to know that is not on one of these cards.

This product is great if you already know French verbs and you need to refresh on them. I am just starting out and I do not understand this product to save my life. maybe in a month or two when I understand the language more this will become more useful but as of right now its way over my head.

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