

How to Conjugate French Verbs: PRESENT TENSE

For the present tense in French, remove the last 2 letters from the verb (either “ar”, “ir”, or “re”) and then add the correct ending. So for “parler” (*to speak*), you would remove the *-er* and add one of the following endings:

-ER Verb Endings

je = E	nous = ONS
tu = ES	vous = EZ
il, elle, on = E	ils, elles = ENT

je parle = I speak

tu parles = you speak

il parle = he speaks, elle parle = she speaks, on parle = one speaks

nous parlons = we speak

vous parlez = you speak

ils/elles parlent = they speak

-IR Verb Endings

je = IS	nous = ISSONS
tu = IS	vous = ISSEZ
il, elle, on = IT	ils, elles = ISSENT

-RE Verb Endings

je = S	nous = ONS
tu = S	vous = EZ
il, elle, on = __	ils, elles = ENT

Here are the subject pronouns as a reminder:

je = I

tu = you (familiar singular)

il = he, **elle** = she, **on** = one, we (informal)

nous = we

vous = you (formal singular; plural)

ils = they, **elles** = they (if the group is composed entirely of females)