



# 'ER' VERBS

**How to Conjugate ER  
verbs in the present  
tense**



# What are ER verbs?

- a group of verbs with an infinitive that ends with the letters ER
  - Example: Parler = to speak
  - Example: Aimerer = to like
- **REGULAR ER VERBS ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SAME CONJUGATION RULES**
  - You know one you know all!



# ER verb conjugation Rules

- ER verbs are conjugated following these rules
  - *Step one:* Remove the ER to get the stem of the verb (example: Parler -> Parl)
    - The stem of the verb remains the same for all subjects!
  - *Step two:* Add the correct ending to the stem of the verb that agrees with the subject of the sentence



# ER VERB ENDINGS

- The ending for ER verbs are as follows

– Je \_\_\_\_\_ e                      Nous \_\_\_\_\_ ons

– Tu \_\_\_\_\_ es                      Vous \_\_\_\_\_ ez

– Il \_\_\_\_\_ e                      Ils \_\_\_\_\_ ent

– Elle/on \_\_\_\_\_ e                      Elles \_\_\_\_\_ ent

- These are the endings you add to the stem after removing the ER
  - Example: Je *parl*e : Nous *parl*ons



# NEGATIVE

- In the negative, put ne before the verb and pas after the verb
  - Je ne parle pas = I don't speak
  - Tu ne dances pas = You aren't dancing.
- Remember to change ne to n' before a vowel
  - Je n' étudie pas = I'm not studying
  - Nous n' écoutons pas = We're not listening



# OTHER ER VERBS

- Here are some other ER verbs
- Quitter = to leave
- Entrer = to enter
- Arriver = to arrive
- Écouter = to listen
- Regarder = to watch
- Travailler = to work
- Étudier = to study

# Other ER verbs continued

- Poser une question = to ask a question
- Passer un examen = to take a test
- Rentrer = to return (go back)
- Habiter = to live
- Chanter = to sing
- Danser = to dance
- Rigoler = to have fun / joke around
- Aimer = to like/love
- All of these verbs follow the ER verb conjugation rules 😊



# Class Work

- Write the following French sentences
  - He listens.
  - We take a test.
  - They (guys) work.
  - I arrive.
  - She looks at the computer.
  - You all ask a question.
  - They (girls) don't dance.





# AIMER + INFINITIVE

- Infinitive =
  - Unconjugated form of the verb
  - Example: Parler, aimer, chanter, danser etc.
- aimer + a verb infinitive
  - Conjugate Aimer to agree with the subject
  - Don't conjugate both verbs!



# AIMER CONJUGATED

- The first step is to conjugate the verb aimer in the present tense
  - J'aime                      tu aimes
  - Il/elle aime              nous aimons
  - Vous aimez              ils/elles aiment
- This is the only verb you will conjugate in the sentence!



# ADDING THE INFINITIVE

- After you conjugate aimer, add the infinitive of the second verb.
  - Example: j'aime danser. = I like to dance
  - Example: Nous aimons donner une fête. = We like to give (throw) a party.
- **DO NOT CONJUGATE THE SECOND VERB!! LEAVE IT IN ITS INFINITIVE FORM!!**



# EXAMPLES

- Il aime regarder la télé.  
– He likes to watch the tv.
- Elles aiment chanter.  
– They like to sing.
- J'aime écouter la radio.  
– I like to listen to the radio.

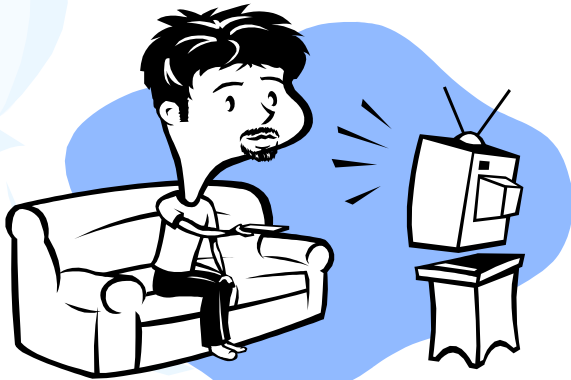


# NEGATIVE

- ne and pas only go around aimer
  - Example: Je n'aime pas dessiner = I don't like to draw
  - Example: Vous n'aimez pas chanter = You don't like to sing
- Remember not to conjugate the second verb!

# CLASS WORK

- Write what the following people like to do based on the pictures



1. Paul

2. Les copines



# CLASS WORK CONTINUED

3. Vous



4. Tu



# CLASS WORK

- Write what the following people dislike doing based on the pictures.



5. Jean-Marc

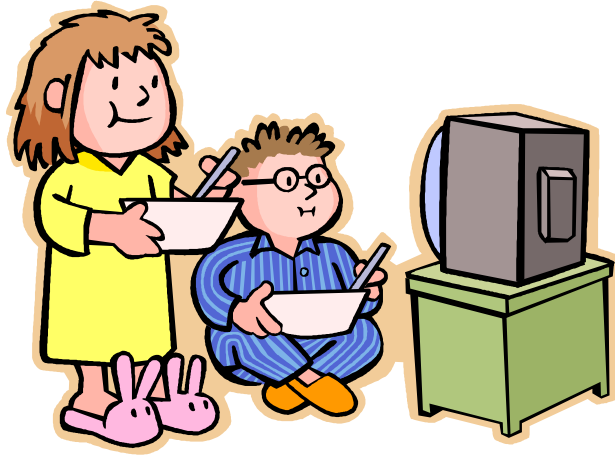
6. François





# CLASS WORK CONTINUED

7. Ils



8. Je

