‘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: Aimer = 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 *parle* e : Nous *parlons*
NEGATIVE

• In the negative, put ne before the verb and pas after the verb
  – Je ne parle pas = I don’t speak
  – Tu ne danses 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
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3. Vous

4. Tu
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• Write what the following people dislike doing based on the pictures.

5. Jean-Marc

6. François
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7. Ils

8. Je