

Les verbes en -er

-Er Verbs

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You have learned how to speak in French about what you like and do not like to do. It is also useful to be able to tell what you and other people do.

Most verbs in French end in **-er** (**chanter** = to sing, **travailler** = to work, **nager** = to swim). This form of the verb is called the infinitive.

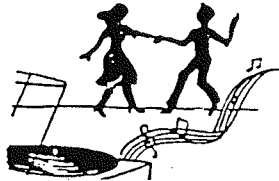
The **stem** of the verb is the infinitive minus the **-er** (example: parler-er = parl). Different endings are added to the stem for each subject.

Here are the subject pronouns and the endings for each one for the sample verb **parler**.

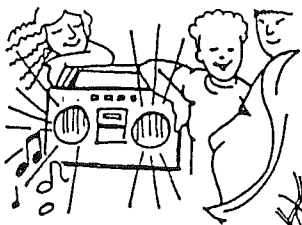
Parler					
Singular			Plural		
I	je	parle	we	nous	parlons
you (fam.)	tu	parles			
you (formal)	vous	parlez	you (pl.)	vous	parlez
			they	ils/elles	parlent
he/she	il/elle	parle			

Study the list of verbs below.

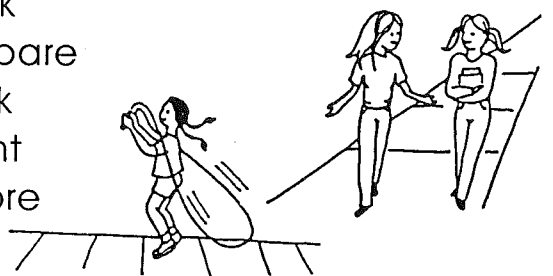
- parler** = to speak
- chanter** = to sing
- nager** = to swim
- écouter** = to listen (to)
- danser** = to dance
- étudier** = to study



- jouer** = to play
- visiter** = to visit
- cuisiner** = to cook
- regarder** = to look (at)
- porter** = to wear
- donner** = to give
- sauter** = to jump



- acheter** = to buy
- travailler** = to work
- préparer** = to prepare
- marcher** = to walk
- désirer** = to want
- adorer** = to adore
- pleurer** = to cry



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I. Write the stems of the verbs below.

étudier _____	travailler _____	sauter _____
nager _____	donner _____	acheter _____
écouter _____	marcher _____	porter _____
chanter _____	regarder _____	téléphoner _____

II. Write the -er endings for each of the subject pronouns below.

tu _____	je _____	ils _____
il _____	nous _____	elles _____
vous _____	elle _____	

III. Write the correct form for each subject for the verbs below.

	chanter	stem _____	
je _____		il _____	vous _____
tu _____		nous _____	ils _____

	étudier	stem _____	
je _____		elle _____	vous _____
tu _____		nous _____	elles _____

	porter	stem _____	
je _____		il _____	vous _____
tu _____		nous _____	elles _____