



**THE PRESENT TENSE OF -IR VERBS:
THE SECOND GROUP**
Seventh lesson – Septième leçon

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1. INTRODUCTION

- As discussed in the previous lesson, there are three groups of verbs in French: **-er**, **-ir** and **-re**.



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- In the previous lesson, you learned about **-er** verbs.



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- This lesson covers the **-ir** verbs, the second group, composed of **regular and irregular verbs**.



2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- To conjugate a regular –ir verb, **remove the infinitive ending –ir** and then to the root **add the appropriate endings**

	Singular		plural	
1st person	Je	-is	Nous	-issons
2 nd person	Tu	-is	Vous	-issez
3 rd person	Il/elle/on	-it	Ils/elles	-issent

2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- For example, to conjugate **finir** (*to finish, to end*), remove the infinitive ending **–ir** to obtain the root **fin-**

$\text{Finir} \rightarrow \text{fin-}$

and add the appropriate endings.



2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- Finir-*to finish, to end*

Singular	Plural
Je fin <u>is</u>	Nous fin <u>issons</u>
Tu fin <u>is</u>	Vous fin <u>issez</u>
Il/elle/on fin <u>it</u>	Ils/elles fin <u>issent</u>



2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- Other verbs like finir:

- *Choisir* *to choose*
- *Réussir* *to succeed*
- *Réfléchir* *to think, to reflect*
- *Grossir* *to put on weight, to get fat*
- *Maigrir* *to lose weight, to get thin*



2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- Note : these verbs are called
« **verbs in –issons** »,
as their first person plural ending is always
–issons (ex.: nous **finissons**).



2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- Do remember this rule as it will help you to distinguish between regular and irregular verbs in –ir.



2. REGULAR –IR VERBS

- Note : je **f**inis, tu **f**inis, il/elle **f**init are pronounced the same.
- In other words, the **final –s and –t are silent.**
- This rule applies to all of the verbs in the previous slides and those similar to them.



3. IRREGULAR –IR VERBS

- There are **three kinds** of irregular –**ir** verbs:
 - 1) verbs like **dormir** (to sleep)
 - 2) verbs like **ouvrir** (to open)
 - 3) **completely irregular** verbs like **pouvoir** (can, to be able to), **venir** (to come/ to come from)



3.1 VERBS LIKE DORMIR (TO SLEEP)

- The first group of irregular **-ir** verbs includes:

• dormir	<i>to sleep</i>
• mentir	<i>to lie</i>
• partir	<i>to leave</i>
• sentir	<i>to feel</i>
• sortir	<i>to go out</i>

- and all of their **derivations**

(ex.: partir *-to leave* → repartir *-to leave again*).



3.1 VERBS LIKE DORMIR

- The endings are as follow:

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	Je -s	Nous -ons
2 nd person	Tu -s	Vous -ez
3 rd person	Il/elle/on -t	Ils/elles -ent

3.1 VERBS LIKE DORMIR

- To conjugate verbs like **dormir**, there are two steps.



3.1 VERBS LIKE DORMIR

- For the three **singular** persons, remove the last syllable of the infinitive,
 - ~~dormir~~ → **dor-**
- and add the appropriate endings.



3.1 VERBS LIKE DORMIR

- To conjugate the three **plural** persons,
 - remove the **-ir** from the infinitive,
 - **dormir** → **dorm-**
- and then add the **appropriate endings**



3.1 VERBS LIKE DORMIR

- Dormir –*to sleep*

Singular	Plural
Je dors <u>s</u>	Nous dorm <u>mons</u>
Tu dors <u>s</u>	Vous dorm <u>mez</u>
Il/elle/on dort <u>t</u>	Ils/elles dorm <u>ment</u>



3.2 VERBS LIKE OUVRIR (TO OPEN)

- The second group of irregular **-ir** verbs includes

• ouvrir	<i>to open</i>
• découvrir	<i>to discover</i>
• cueillir	<i>to gather / to pick / to pluck</i>
• offrir	<i>to offer</i>
• souffrir	<i>to suffer</i>

- and their **derivations**

(ex.: découvrir → redécouvrir *–to rediscover*).



3.2 VERBS LIKE OUVRIR

- These verbs are **conjugated as regular -er verbs** (ex.: parler – *to speak/to talk*)



3.2 VERBS LIKE OUVRIIR

- The endings of these verbs are as follows:

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	Je -e	Nous - ons
2 nd person	Tu -es	Vous - ez
3 rd person	Il/elle/on -e	Ils/elles - ent



3.2 VERBS LIKE **OUVRIR**

- To conjugate **ouvrir**, remove the infinitive ending **-ir**,

Ouvr~~ir~~ → ouvr-

- and then add the appropriate endings:



3.2 VERBS LIKE OUVRIIR

- Ouvrir –*to open*

Singular	Plural
J'ouvre <u>e</u>	Nous ouvrons
Tu ouvres	Vous ouvrez
Il/elle/on ouvre	Ils/elles ouvrent



3.3 COMPLETELY IRREGULAR VERBS

- **Completely irregular –ir verbs (ex.: pouvoir (to be able to), venir (to come/to come from))**
do not follow any pattern so you must learn each conjugations separately.



3.3 COMPLETELY IRREGULAR VERBS

○ Here is a list of some of these verbs:

- *Asseoir (to sit)*
 - *Courir (to run)*
 - *Devoir (to have to, to owe)*
 - *Falloir (to be necessary)*
 - *Mourir (to die)*
 - *Pleuvoir (to rain)*
- recevoir (to receive)*
 - savoir (to know)*
 - tenir (to hold)*
 - valoir (to be worth)*
 - venir (to come)*
 - voir (to see) ...*



3.3 COMPLETELY IRREGULAR VERBS

- Let's start by learning **pouvoir** (can, to be able to), **vouloir** (to want) and **valoir** (to be worth) as these are the only verbs **ending in -x** in the first and second person singular of the present tense.



3.3 COMPLETELY IRREGULAR VERBS

Pouvoir (<i>can...</i>)	Vouloir (<i>to want</i>)	Valoir (<i>to be worth</i>)
Je <u>peux</u>	Je <u>veux</u>	Je <u>vaux</u>
Tu <u>peux</u>	Tu <u>veux</u>	Tu <u>vaux</u>
Il/elle/on <u>peut</u>	Il/elle/on <u>veut</u>	Il/elle/on <u>vaut</u>
Nous <u>pouvons</u>	Nous <u>voulons</u>	Nous <u>valons</u>
Vous <u>pouvez</u>	Vous <u>voulez</u>	Vous <u>valez</u>
Ils/elles <u>peuvent</u>	Ils/elles <u>veulent</u>	Ils/elles <u>valent</u>



C'est tout pour aujourd'hui!

Au revoir!

Merci!

