

# Common Conjugations

## Simple tenses

### Indicatif présent/Present Indicative

I walk/I am walking: *je marche*

Verbs in *er*: take off *er* and add *e, es, e, ons, ez, ent*

Verbs in *ir*: take off *ir* and add *is, is, it, issons, issez, issent*

Verbs in *re*: take off *re* and add *s, s, -, ons, ez, ent*

Formula: [(verb – infinitive ending) + present ending]

## Compound tenses

### Passé composé/Compound Past Indic.

I have walked: *j'ai marché*

Use *avoir* or *être* at the present

with the past participle of the conjugated verb

### Imparfait de l'indicatif/Imperfect Indicative

I walked/I was walking: *je marchais*

All verbs but *être*: use Present “nous” form, take off *ons*

and add *ais, ais, ait, ions, iez, aient*

Formula: [(verb at nous form – “ons”) + imperfect ending]

### Plus-que-parfait de l'indicatif/Pluperfect

I had walked: *j'avais marché*

Use *avoir* or *être* at the imperfect

with the past participle of the conjugated verb

### Futur simple de l'indicatif/Simple future

I will walk: *je marcherai*

Most verbs: use infinitive form

and add *ai, as, a, ons, ez, ont*

Formula: (infinitive verb + future ending)

### Futur antérieur de l'indicatif/Ant. Future

I will have walked: *j'aurai marché*

Use *avoir* or *être* at the futur simple

with the past participle of the conjugated verb

### Conditionnel présent/Present Conditional

I would walk: *je marcherais*

Most verbs (same as future): use the infinitive form

and add *ais, ais, ait, ions, iez, aient*

Formula: (infinitive verb + imperfect ending)

### Conditionnel passé/Past Conditional

I would have walked: *j'aurais marché*

Use *avoir* or *être* at the conditional past

with the past participle of the conjugated verb

### Subjonctif présent/Present Subjunctive

that I may walked: *que je marche*

Almost all verbs: use “nous” form, take off *ons*

and add *e, es, e, ions, iez, ent*

Formula: [(verb at nous form – “ons”) + subjunctive ending]

### Subjonctif passé/Past Subjunctive

that I may have walked: *que j'aie marché*

Use *avoir* or *être* at the present of the subjunctive

with the past participle of the conjugated verb

### Fourteen verbs requiring “être” instead of “avoir” for compound tenses

*aller* and *venir*, *entrer* and *sortir*, *arriver* and *partir*, *monter* and *descendre*,  
*naitre* and *mourir*, *passer* (occasionally) and *rester*, *tomber* and *retourner*