

Regular French Verbs Ending in -IR

Present Tense

A high percentage of verbs in French end in -IR. These are for the most part regular verbs, and their conjugation in the present tense follows a set pattern.

In this lesson we will focus on three verbs ending in -IR:

FINIR	to finish
CHOISIR	to choose
RALENTIR	to slow down

Present tense conjugation: FINIR

je finis	nous finissons
tu finis	vous finissez
il finit	ils finissent
elle finit	
on finit	

NOTES:

3 ways to translate verbs in the present tense:

je finis I finish I **do** finish I **am** finishing

You may be tempted to translate “I am finishing” like this:

Je suis finir.

Don't do that....

You don't need *suis* because remember that *Je finis* means *I am finishing*.

This will be the same for all French verbs.

Example:

Ils finissent leur dessert. They are finishing their dessert.

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Present tense conjugation: CHOISIR

je chois is	nous chois issons
tu chois is	vous chois issez
il chois it	ils chois issent
elle chois it	
on chois it	

3 ways to translate verbs in the present tense:

je chois is	I choose	I do choose	I am choos ing
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Example:

*Nous chois**issons** des légumes au marché.
We are choosing vegetables at the market.*

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Present tense conjugation: RALENTIR

je ralenti s	nous ralenti ssons
tu ralenti s	vous ralenti ssez
il ralenti t	ils ralenti ssent
elle ralenti t	
on ralenti t	

3 ways to translate verbs in the present tense:

je ralenti**s** I slow down I **do** slow down I **am** slow**ing** down

Example:

*Nous ralenti**ssons** devant l'école.*

We slow down in front of the school.

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