

Regular French Verbs Ending in -RE

Present Tense

The third group of regular verbs in French end in -RE. There are not as many regular verbs in this category as with -RE and -IR verbs. However, their conjugation in the present tense still follows a set pattern.

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

ATTENDRE	to wait (for)
PERDRE	to lose
RÉPONDRE À	to reply / to answer

Present tense conjugation: ATTENDRE - TO WAIT (FOR)

j'attends	nous attend ons
tu attends	vous attend ez
il attend	ils attend ent
elle attend	
on attend	

NOTES:

3 ways to translate verbs in the present tense

j'attends I wait I **do** wait I **am** waiting

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

~~*Je suis attendre.*~~

Don't do that....

You don't need *suis* because remember that *J'attends* means *I am waiting*.

This will be the same for all French verbs.

Example:

J'attends mon amie. I am waiting **for** my friend.

- ATTENDRE means *to wait / to wait for*
- The French word POUR is not needed

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Present tense conjugation: PERDRE - TO LOSE

je perds	nous perdons
tu perds	vous perdez
il perd	ils perdent
elle perd	
on perd	

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3 ways to translate verbs in the present tense

je perds	I lose	I do lose	I am losing
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You may be tempted to translate “I am losing” like this:

Je suis perdre.

But remember, don't do that....

You don't need *suis* because remember that *Je perds* means *I am losing*.

Example:

*Je **perds** mon temps.*

I am losing my time.

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Present tense conjugation: RÉPONDRE À - TO REPLY

je répond**s**

nous répond**ons**

tu répond**s**

vous répond**ez**

il répond**d**

ils répond**ent**

elle répond**d**

on répond**d**

NOTES:

3 ways to translate verbs in the present tense

je réponds I reply I **do** reply I **am** reply**ing**

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

Je suis répondre.

Don't do that....

You don't need *suis* because remember that *Je réponds* means *I am replying*.

Example:

*Je **réponds** à un email.*

I am replying **to** an email.

- RÉPONDRE means *to reply / to answer*
- The French word À is needed when you reply to someone or to something.

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