

## Futur - French Future Tense Conjugations

The **future** and [conditional](#) are, the simplest French tenses. There is only one set of endings for each of them, and most verbs - even many which are irregular in the present tense - use their infinitive as the root.

## Futur - French Future Tense Using the French Future

In French, there are two ways to express an event that will occur in the future: le **futur** and le **futur proche**.

Le **futur** is used for upcoming events. It is usually translated as **will**.

J'irai au magasin demain - I will go to the store tomorrow.  
Ils mangeront sur l'avion - They will eat on the plane.

After *après que* (after), *aussitôt que* (as soon as), *dès que* (as soon as), *espérer que* (to hope that), *lorsque* (when), *quand* (when), and *une fois que* (once), when the action of the verb is in the future, the **future tense** is used in French, whereas in English the present tense is used.

Quand il arrivera, nous mangerons. - When he arrives, we will eat.  
Je vous téléphonerai dès que je pourrai. - I'll call you as soon as I can.  
[Quand vs Lorsque](#)   [All about conjunctions](#)

Le **futur** can also be used in [si clauses](#).

Si j'ai le temps, je le ferai - If I have time, I will do it.  
Je le ferai si j'ai le temps - I will do it if I have time.

In journalism and other factual narration, the **future** is often used even though the events are in the past.

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Le **futur** is used for polite orders and requests, in place of the *vous* form of the imperative - [learn more](#).

Le **futur proche** is used when the upcoming event is to occur in the near future. It is usually translated as **going to**. It is formed by simply conjugating the verb *aller* (to go) and adding the infinitive of the action that is about to occur.

Je vais aller au magasin - I'm going to go to the store  
Ils vont manger dans 5 minutes - They are going to eat in 5 minutes

The distinction between le **futur** and le **futur proche** is not always clear - there are many situations where you can use either one.

To form the **future** tense of **-ER** and **-IR** verbs, add the appropriate ending to the infinitive. For **-RE** verbs, drop the final E before adding the ending.

	<b>Singular</b>		<b>Plural</b>	
<b>1st person</b>	je	<b>-ai</b>	nous	<b>-ons</b>
<b>2nd person</b>	tu	<b>-as</b>	vous	<b>-ez</b>
<b>3rd person</b>	il	<b>-a</b>	ils	<b>-ont</b>

The only irregular **future** conjugations occur in about two dozen verbs which have irregular stems but use the same future endings listed above. Here are the French verbs with irregular conditional stems:\*

<b>Verb</b>	<b>Future stem</b>	<b>Similar verbs</b>
acheter	<b>achèter-</b>	achever, amener, emmener, lever, promener
appeler	<b>appeller-</b>	épeler, jeter, projeter, rappeler
aller	<b>ir-</b>	
avoir	<b>aur-</b>	
devoir	<b>devr-</b>	
envoyer	<b>enverr-</b>	
essayer	<b>essaier-</b>	employer, ennuyer, nettoyer, payer
être	<b>ser-</b>	
faire	<b>fer-</b>	
pleuvoir	<b>pleuvr-</b>	
pouvoir	<b>pourr-</b>	
savoir	<b>saur-</b>	
venir	<b>viendr-</b>	revenir, devenir, parvenir
voir	<b>verr-</b>	revoir
vouloir	<b>voudr-</b>	

**\*Notes:**

1. The exact same verbs are irregular in [conditional](#) conjugations.
2. The **future** stem always ends in R.

Here are examples of -ER, -IR, -RE, and irregular verbs in the **future** tense:

	<b>parler</b>	<b>choisir</b>	<b>rendre</b>	<b>aller</b>
<b>je</b>	parlerai	choisirai	rendrai	irai
<b>tu</b>	parleras	choisiras	rendras	iras
<b>il/elle/on</b>	parlera	choisira	rendra	ira
<b>nous</b>	parlerons	choisirons	rendrons	irons

<b>vous</b>	parlerez	choisirez	rendrez	irez
<b>ils/elles</b>	parleront	choisiront	rendront	iront

Test on the future tense

<http://french.about.com/library/weekly/aa120499t.htm>

[http://www.quia.com/servlets/quia.activities.common.ActivityPlayer?AP\\_rand=1662505392&AP\\_activityType=3&AP\\_urlId=275540&AP\\_continuePlay=true275540](http://www.quia.com/servlets/quia.activities.common.ActivityPlayer?AP_rand=1662505392&AP_activityType=3&AP_urlId=275540&AP_continuePlay=true275540)

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/rgshiwyc/school/curric/French/FrenchQuiz/Futur.htm>

Game on whether to use the future or the present

<http://www.quia.com/jq/44525.html>

Flashcards/Maching/Concentration/Word Search on what irregular verbs use **Etre and Avoir** in the **futur**

<http://www.quia.com/jg/327079.html>

2 Jeopardy style games for the future simple

<http://www.quia.com/cb/32622.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cb/58574.html>

Flashcards/Maching/Concentration/Word Search on turning present tense verbs into future

<http://www.quia.com/jg/65755.html>