



## Unit: LES VERBES IRRÉGULIERS

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Understand better the concept of verb stems and endings.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding irregular verbs like **AVOIR**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding irregular verbs like **ÊTRE**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding irregular verbs like **FAIRE**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding irregular verbs like **ALLER**.

Grammar we will learn & revisit:

**Subject pronouns & irregular verb conjugation.** Revision of subject pronouns in French before the introduction of the four most common and high frequency irregular verbs. Full conjugation in present tense of **AVOIR** (to have), **ÊTRE** (to be), **FAIRE** (to do) and **ALLER** (to go).

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

- **Silent letters** There are lots of silent letters in the four high frequency irregular verbs used in this unit. The 's' in **je suis, je vais, je fais, tu as & tu fais** for example. The 't' in the **il/elle** conjugations of **faire** like **il/elle fait**. The letters s, x, z, t, d, n and m, normally silent when at the end of a word, are often pronounced when the next word begins with a vowel.
- **Liaison.** In **nous avons, vous avez, ils/ells ont, vous êtes, nous allons,** and **vous allez.**, the normally silent 's' is pronounced and almost like a 'z' sound. This is what is referred to as a required liaison. It is not optional!



### Common Irregular French Verbs

- aller – to go.
- avoir – to have.
- dire – to say, to tell.
- être – to be.
- faire – to make, to do.
- falloir – to be necessary.
- pouvoir – to be able to do.
- savoir – to know, to know how to.
- voir – to see.

**AVOIR**  
**ÊTRE**  
**FAIRE**  
**ALLER**



# Unit: LES VERBES RÉGULIERS

**JOUER**  
**FINIR**  
**VENDRE**

By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Understand better what personal/subject pronouns are.
- Understand better the concept of verb stems and endings.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding regular -er verbs like **JOUER**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding regular -ir verbs like **FINIR**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding regular -re verbs like **VENDRE**.

jouer = to play

## Endings

je joue

nous jouons

tu joues

vous jouez

il joue

ils jouent

elle joue

elles jouent

on joue

## Finir - to finish

Je finis ..... I finish, I am finishing

Tu finis ..... You finish, you are finishing

Il finit ..... He / it finishes, is finishing

Elle finit ..... She / it finishes, is finishing

Nous finissons ..... We finish, are finishing

Vous finissez ..... You finish, you are finishing  
(plural)

Ils finissent ..... They finish, are finishing (M)

Elles finissent ..... They finish, are finishing (F)



## Vendre - to sell

Je vends ..... I sell, I am selling

Tu vends ..... You sell, you are selling

Il vend ..... He / it sells, is selling

Elle vend ..... She / it sells, is selling

Nous vendons ..... We sell, are selling

Vous vendez ..... You sell, you are selling  
(plural)

Ils vendent ..... They sell, are selling (M)

Elles vendent ..... They sell, are selling (F)

Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

- **Silent letters.** There are lots of silent letters and silent letter strings in the four high frequency regular verbs used in this unit. The 's' in **tu joues** & **tu finis** and **je vais**, **je fais**, **tu as** and **tu fais** for example. The letters s, x, z, t, d, n and m, normally silent when at the end of a word, are often pronounced when the next word begins with a vowel.
- **-ent** in the **ils/elles** conjugations **ils/elles jouent/finissent/vendent** is silent. The **-ent** at the end of a French verb is never pronounced.