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### formation

The 'simple' future (**le futur**) is so-named because it is a one-word tense. In other words, its formation is simple because there is no auxiliary.

The endings for the simple future are: **-ai**, **-as**, **-a**, **-ons**, **-ez**, **-ont**. The future stem for **-er** and **-ir** verbs is the infinitive. For regular **-re** verbs, the stem is the infinitive minus the final **e**. In all cases, the future stem ends in **-r**: this sound characterizes the future and the **conditional**. The French simple future tense is generally translated into English with the modal auxiliary 'will.'

Listen carefully to the future conjugation of regular **-er** verbs, where the **e** of the infinitive changes in pronunciation.



<b>nager</b> 'to swim'	
je <b>nagerai</b> , I will swim	nous <b>nagerons</b> , we will swim
tu <b>nageras</b> , you will swim	vous <b>nagerez</b> , you will swim
il, elle / on <b>nagera</b> , he, she (it) / one will swim	ils / elles <b>nageront</b> , they will swim

Some **-er verbs with spelling changes** in the present form their future regularly, that is, their future stem is the infinitive. These include verbs like **préférer** (je préférerai), **manger** (je mangerai) and **commencer** (je commencerai). Other **-er verbs with spelling changes in the present** (**appeler**, **employer**, **acheter**) have **irregular future** stems.



<b>réfléchir</b> 'to think'	
je <b>réfléchirai</b> , I will think	nous <b>réfléchirons</b> , we will think
tu <b>réfléchiras</b> , you will think	vous <b>réfléchirez</b> , you will think
il, elle / on <b>réfléchira</b> , he, she (it) / one will think	ils / elles <b>réfléchiront</b> , they will think



<b>rendre</b> 'to give back'	
je <b>rendrai</b> , I will give back	nous <b>rendrons</b> , we will give back
tu <b>rendras</b> , you will give back	vous <b>rendrez</b> , you will give back
il, elle / on <b>rendra</b> , he, she (it) / one will give back	ils / elles <b>rendront</b> , they will give back

Many verbs which are irregular in the present tense have regular formations in the future. Their future stems are the infinitive or the infinitive minus the final **e**. Such verbs include **sortir** (je sortirai), **partir** (je partirai), **dormir** (je dormirai), **boire** (je boirai), **dire** (je dirai), **écrire** (j'écrirai), **lire** (je lirai), **mettre** (je mettrai), **prendre** (je prendrai), and **suivre** (je suivrai).

### uses

The simple future is used to refer to future events, that is, to make predictions. It is more formal than the immediate future, although both tenses may be used in most contexts. For further details, see [future: usage](#).





## NOUS PRENDRONS LE CONCORDE À PARIS...



Tammy imagine sa lune de miel avec Tex.

Tammy: Nous **prendrons** le Concorde à Paris, bien sûr. On **restera** dans un hôtel trois étoiles et nous **mangerons** dans des restaurants chics. Nous **flânerons** au long des Champs-Élysées bras dessus, bras dessous et tu m'**offriras** du parfum et des fleurs. La nuit nous **descendrons** la Seine en bateau mouche. Ah, la vie conjugale, un paradis terrestre.

Tammy imagines her honeymoon with Tex.

Tammy: We will take the Concorde to Paris, of course. We will stay in a three-star hotel and we will eat in chic restaurants. We will stroll along the Champs-Élysées arm in arm and you will give me perfume and flowers. At night we will go down the Seine on a sightseeing boat. Ah, married life, paradise on earth.



exercices

### fill in the blanks

Give the futur simple of the verb indicated in parentheses.

1. Tex et Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ ensemble. (partir)
2. Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ ses études. (finir)
3. Tammy: J' \_\_\_\_\_ un livre. (écrire)
4. Tammy: Je \_\_\_\_\_ les habitudes de Tex. (comprendre)
5. Tammy: Tex et moi, nous \_\_\_\_\_ beaucoup. (voyager)
6. Tex: Mes neveux, vous \_\_\_\_\_ la philosophie! (aimer)
7. Tammy: Tex, tu \_\_\_\_\_ la table, n'est-ce pas? (mettre)
8. Tammy \_\_\_\_\_ sans cesse. (chanter)
9. Joe-Bob \_\_\_\_\_ des cours faciles. (suivre)
10. Tex: Bette, est-ce que tu \_\_\_\_\_ Tammy? (respecter)
11. Joe-Bob \_\_\_\_\_ pendant quatre jours. (dormir)
12. Tammy et Bette \_\_\_\_\_ . (se téléphoner)