

French 1

Chapter 6.2 Grammar Review

“Prendre” Verbs

1. “Prendre” is an irregular verb. It must be memorized. It means “to take” or “to have [food or drink]”. The conjugation is below:

PRENDRE			
je	<i>prends</i>	nous	<i>prenons</i>
tu	<i>prends</i>	vous	<i>prenez</i>
il / elle / on	<i>prend</i>	ils / elles	<i>prennent</i>

2. There are a few verbs that end in “-prendre” which conjugate in the same manner, such as:
- comprendre* = to understand
 - apprendre* = to learn
 - reprendre* = to have more [food or drink]

The Imperative Tense

- The Imperative is a COMMAND or SUGGESTION. You can only form the Imperative using the *tu* (informal), *vous* (formal/plural) or *nous* (“let’s”) forms.
- Regular –ER verbs (and *Aller*) all drop the “-s” in the *tu* form. All other –IR and –RE verbs remain in the present tense conjugation and retain the “-s”. For example:
 - Tu écoutes M. Nichols → *Écoute* M. Nichols! (Listen to M. Nichols!)
 - Nous attendons le bus → *Attendons* le bus! (Let’s wait for the bus!)
 - Vous allez au tableau → *Allez* au tableau! (Go to the board [all of you]!)
- To make a command negative add “*ne..pas*” around the verb as you would normally do.
Ex: Tu écoutes M. Nichols → *Écoute* M. Nichols! → N’écoute pas M. Nichols!

The Verb “Boire”

1. “Boire” is an irregular boot verb. It must be memorized. It means to want. Notice the stem changes between “*boi*” and “*buv*” The conjugation is below:

BOIRE			
je	<i>bois</i>	nous	<i>bu^vons</i>
tu	<i>bois</i>	vous	<i>bu^vez</i>
il / elle / on	<i>boit</i>	ils / elles	<i>boivent</i>