



# Maîtrisez les 75 Verbes Essentiels

(Master the 75 Essential Verbs)

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## The 75 Essential French Verbs

In this story, we discuss the 75 most common verbs in the French language. This will give you a solid understanding of the most essential verbs and their conjugations.

### French Personal Forms

French has the following personal forms:

- **Je** (I)
- **Tu** (you - informal)
- **Il/Elle** (he/she)
- **Nous** (we)
- **Vous** (you - formal/plural)
- **Ils/Elles** (they)

*Note: For il/elle and ils/elles, we use only il and ils in the examples. The conjugation is identical for both genders.*

### Example: The Verb Dormir (To Sleep)

We now give a short example with the verb **dormir** (to sleep) in the present tense:

**Je dors** dans le lit.

*(I sleep in the bed)*

**Tu dors** dans le lit.



*(You sleep in the bed)*

**Il dort** dans le lit.

*(He sleeps in the bed)*

**Nous dormons** dans le lit.

*(We sleep in the bed)*

**Vous dormez** dans le lit.

*(You sleep in the bed)*

**Ils dorment** dans le lit.

*(They sleep in the bed)*

**Important Pattern:** Notice how the stem changes from 'dorm-' to 'dor-' in the singular forms. This is typical for -ir verbs like dormir, partir, and sentir.

## Understanding Pronunciation

The endings of French verbs are often not pronounced:

- The 's' in **dors** is silent
- The 't' in **dort** is silent
- The 'ent' in **dorment** sounds like a simple [ɑ̃m]

**\*\*This means that *je dors*, *tu dors* and *il dort* sound almost identical when pronounced!**

## The -ent Ending with Other Verbs

You also see this pattern with other verbs. Take for example pouvoir (**can/to be able**):

Ils peuvent **faire cela**.

*(They can do that)*

**The ending '-ent' in**

peuvent\*\* is not pronounced - you only hear [pœv]. This is a consistent pattern in French: the third person plural ends in -ent, but these letters are silent in pronunciation.

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*Now follow the 75 most important French verbs with their complete conjugations. Each verb is presented with six example sentences demonstrating all personal forms.*

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