

## Subjonctif - French Subjunctive

### Regular verb conjugations

Many students of French find that the **subjunctive** is very difficult to master, but hopefully this lesson will simplify matters for you. In Part I, we will learn how to conjugate the present subjunctive of **regular** verbs. In [Part II](#)<sup>1</sup>, we will learn the present subjunctive of **irregular** verbs. And finally in [Part III](#)<sup>2</sup>, we will learn to **use** the subjunctive.

For all **regular** verbs (-ER, -IR, and -RE), take the **3rd person plural form** (ils) of the present tense of the verb, drop the *-ent* ending to find the stem, and add the subjunctive endings as follows:

	<b>parler</b>	<b>choisir</b>	<b>rendre</b>
<b>Ils</b>	parlent	choisissent	rendent
<b>stem</b>	parl	choisiss	rend

### Subjunctive endings

... que je	<b>-e</b>	parle	choisisse	rende
... que tu	<b>-es</b>	parles	choisisses	rendes
... qu' il/elle/on	<b>-e</b>	parle	choisisse	rende
... que nous	<b>-ions</b>	parlions	choisissions	rendions
... que vous	<b>-iez</b>	parliez	choisissiez	rendiez
... qu' ils/elles	<b>-ent</b>	parlent	choisissent	rendent

Note that -IR verbs like *sortir* and *partir* and -RE verbs like *mettre* which are irregular in the present tense are **regular** in the subjunctive.

	<b>partir</b>	<b>mettre</b>
... que je	parte	mette
... que tu	partes	mettes
... qu' il/elle/on	parte	mette
... que nous	partions	mettions
... que vous	partiez	mettiez
... qu' ils/elles	partent	mettent