

# The future tense

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# 1- Use

- The future tense is used to describe something that is going to happen or will / shall happen later on.
- As in English, there are three main ways of describing the future action.



## 2-1- The immediate future (in English “going to” + verb)

- The French structure is “aller” verb in the present tense + an infinitive (that is to say a verb ending in “ER”, “IR” or “RE”).
- Je vais                                          jouer
- Tu vas                                          jouer
- Il, Elle, On va                                faire
- Nous allons                                      faire
- Vous allez                                      finir
- Ils, Elles vont                                 finir (...)



# Examples

Je vais **joue** au foot  
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Tu vas **manger** **une** **glace**

Elle va **faire** **du shopping**



## 2-2- The future tense (In English, will/shall + verb)

- The French structure is the infinitive form of the verb + the specific future endings.
- Don't forget to remove the "e" of "RE" verbs before you do so!
- Je                          **jouerai**
- Tu                          **joueras**
- Il, Elle, On              **choisira**
- Nous                        **choisirons**
- Vous                        ~~boireez~~
- Ils, Elles                  ~~boireont~~



## 2-3- The present (!)

- You may express a future idea with a present tense.
- Examples:

Ce week-end, je reste à la maison.

L'année prochaine, je pars en Italie.

## 2-4- Irregular verbs

- Here is the list of verbs that alter their stem in the future tense. Once it is altered, it stays the same at all persons.



## 3- Time indicators

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Demain</b>               | (tomorrow)            |
| <b>Après</b>                | (later)               |
| <b>Ce soir</b>              | (tonight)             |
| <b>Cet après-midi</b>       | (this afternoon)      |
| <b>Ensuite</b>              | (after)               |
| <b>Plus tard</b>            | (later on)            |
| <b>Pendant les vacances</b> | (during the holidays) |
| <b>Le week-end prochain</b> | (Next week-end)       |
| <b>L'année prochaine</b>    | (Next year)           |