



## Year 9 Module 3 De la naissance à la mort – Higher Grammar



### Imperfect tense I used to/was doing

Je regardais

*I used to watch/ was watching*

Tu restais

*You used to stay, were staying*

Il /Elle /On jouait

*He/ she/ we used to play/ were playing*

Nous finissions

*We used to finish/ were finishing*

Vous buviez

*You(pl) used to drink / were drinking*

Ils /elles faisaient

*They used to do / were doing*

*N.B.*

**J'étais – I was**

### The conditional tense

(I would...)

(infinitive + ending)

Note : although the stem of the conditional tense is formed from the infinitive, for verbs ending **-re** (eg. vendre/ prendre/ boire) **remove the final 'e'**

Eg. vendre → vendr-

prendre → prendr-

J'achèterais une nouvelle voiture.

*I would buy a new car.*

Tu arrêterais d'aller au collège.

*You would stop going to school.*

Il/ elle/ on mangerait plus sain.

*He/ she/ we would eat more healthily.*

Nous sauverions la planète.

*We would save the planet.*

Vous partiriez en vacances.

*You would go on holiday.*

Ils/ elles donneraient de l'argent à une association caritative.

*They would give money to a charity.*

### Irregular stems

aller → ir-

avoir → aur-

devoir → devr-

envoyer → enverr-

être → ser-

faire → fer-

mourir → mourr-

pouvoir → pourr-

recevoir → recevr-

savoir → saur-

venir → viendr-

voir → verr-

vouloir → voudr-

### Jobs and gender

masculine	directeur	mécanicien	vendeur	cuisinier	dentiste
feminine	directrice	mécanicienne	vendeuse	cuisinière	dentiste

Note: When talking about jobs that someone does, did or is going to do, in French, we don't need the word for 'a'.

Eg. Mon père est pilote

My dad is a pilot

Ma mère est vendeuse

My mom is a sales assistant

### Wow phrase:

#### Si + imperfect + conditional

Si je gagnais la Lotto j'achèterais une nouvelle voiture.

*If I won the lottery I would buy a new car.*

**The future tense**  
**(infinitive + ending)**

Note : although the stem of the future tense is formed from the infinitive, for verbs ending **-re** (eg. vendre/ prendre/ boire) **remove the final 'e'**  
Eg. vendre → vendr-  
prendre → prendr-  
boire → boir-

Je mangerai un hamburger ce soir.  
*I will eat a hamburger this evening.*  
Tu boiras des boissons gazeuses.  
*You will drink fizzy drinks.*  
Il/ elle/ on jouera au tennis demain.  
*He/ she/ we will play tennis tomorrow.*  
Nous mangerons des sucreries.  
*We will eat sweet things.*  
Vous prendrez le bus au collège.  
*You will take the bus to school.*  
Ils/ elles suivront les règles.  
They will follow the rules.

**Irregular stems**

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- faire → fer-
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- pouvoir → pourr-
- recevoir → recevr-
- savoir → saur-
- venir → viendr-
- voir → verr-
- vouloir → voudr-

**Wow phrase : Quand + future**

In French, when talking about future plans with the words **'quand'**, **'lorsque'** and **'dès que'**, we always use the future tense.

**Quand** j'aurai 30 ans - *when I am 30*  
**Quand** je quitterai la fac - *when I leave uni*  
**Lorsque** je serai adulte - *when I am an adult*  
**Dès que** j'irai à l'université - *As soon as I go to uni*  
**Quand** je me marierai - *when I get married*

**Wow phrase : Je viens de + infinitive (I have just ....)**

In French, to say 'I have just done' we use the expression **'je viens de'** followed by an infinitive.

**Je viens de manger mon diner**  
*I have just eaten my dinner*  
**Je viens de jouer au foot**  
*I have just played football*



**Wow phrase: PERFECT INFINITIVE**  
**(after having done)**  
**Après avoir + past participle (-é/ -i/ -u)**

**Après avoir passé** mes examens  
*After having done my exams*  
**Après avoir fini** mes études  
*After having finished my studies*

**Wow phrase : Before doing = avant de + infinitive**

**Avant de finir** mes devoirs... - *before finishing my homework ...*  
**Avant de manger** mon diner - *before eating my dinner*



