



Remember:

- there is a ...
il y a un/une ...
- there are some ...
il y a des ...
- there isn't a/there aren't any ...
il n'y a pas de ...



Make your speaking sound more authentic by using expressions like:

Tant mieux! So much the better!/That's good!
Tant pis! Too bad!/What a shame!
Ce n'est pas la peine. It's not worth it.
Ça ne fait rien. It doesn't matter./Never mind.
Je vous en prie. It's a pleasure.



The imperative

You use the imperative form to give instructions.

Take the **tu** or **vous** form of the verb in the present tense and drop the pronoun:

Tu prends (You take) → Prends ... (Take ...)

Vous prenez (You take) → Prenez ... (Take ...)

Drop the final 's' from -er verbs in the **tu** form:

Tu vas (You go) → Va ... (Go ...)

Tu tournes (You turn) → Tourne ... (Turn ...)



Asking questions > Page 210 using quel

To ask 'which ...?' or 'what ...?', use the adjective **quel** ...?

It must agree with the subject of the sentence.

masc sg	quel
fem sg	quelle
masc pl	quels
fem pl	quelles



The present, perfect and future tenses

Make sure you know how to form different types of verbs across key tenses:

verb type	infinitive	present	perfect	future
regular -er	collecter	je collecte	j'ai collecté	je collecterai
regular -ir	finir	je finis	j'ai fini	je finirai
regular -re	vendre	je vends	j'ai vendu	je vendrai *
key irregulars	aller avoir être faire	je vais j'ai je suis je fais	je suis allé(e) j'ai eu j'ai été j'ai fait	j'irai j'aurai je serai je ferai

* In the future tense, -re verbs drop the final 'e' from the infinitive before adding the future endings: **vendre** → **je vendrai**, **tu vendras**, **il/elle/on vendra**, etc.



Negatives

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Most negative expressions are in two parts and go **around** the verb:

ne ... rien (nothing)

ne ... jamais (never)

ne ... personne (nobody, not anyone)

ne ... plus (no longer, not any more)

ne ... que (only)

ne ... aucun(e) (no, not any, not a single ...)

NB: aucun agrees with the noun.

ne ... ni ... ni ... (neither ... nor ...) is in three parts: put a noun after each **ni**.



The future tense

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You use the **future tense** to say 'will' or 'shall' do something.

To form this tense, use the **future stem** plus the appropriate ending.

For -er and -ir verbs, the future stem is the infinitive.

je resterai (I will stay)	nous resterons (we will stay)
tu resteras (you will stay)	vous resterez (you will stay)
il/elle/on restera (he/she/we will stay)	ils/elles resteront (they will stay)

Some key verbs have irregular future stems, but use the same endings as above:

aller – **j'irai** (I will go)

avoir – **j'aurai** (I will have)

être – **je serai** (I will be)

faire – **je ferai** (I will do)

venir – **je viendrai** (I will come)