



Teaching Type: Progressive



Unit: LES VERBES RÉGULIERS

**JOUER**

**FINIR**

**VENDRE**

Unit Objective: To learn more about regular verbs in French

### By the end of this unit we will be able to:

- Understand better what personal/subject pronouns are.
- Understand better the concept of verb stems and endings.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding regular -er verbs like **JOUER**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding regular -ir verbs like **FINIR**.
- Conjugate easily and with clear understanding regular -re verbs like **VENDRE**.

### It will help if we already know:

- The letter sounds (phonics & phonemes) from phonics and pronunciation lessons 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- What a verb means in English.
- What a personal /subject pronoun is in English.
- What is meant by the term 'infinitive'.
- What is meant by a verb conjugation (possibly **porter** from '**Les Vêtements**' Intermediate unit).

### Activities we will complete:

Starting to use and understand better the grammatical terminology. Looking at the both the French personal/subject pronouns and their English equivalent. Working with regular verbs in French and understanding that taking the 'endings' off to create 'stems' can help with French conjugation. The lessons will progress and one by one the three sets of endings are taught for **-er**, **-re** and **-ir** verbs. Each lesson will have an appropriate set of activities but the focus is on repeating the endings and understanding which ending goes on which stem!

### Skills we will develop:

To work on becoming more familiar and confident using verbs in French. Understanding better the rules involved with regular verb conjugation and getting used to using more than just the first person singular of a verb (the **je/l** form). Completing all the activities and verb booklet with high accuracy so when necessary it can be used as a reference.

### Grammar we will learn & revisit

**Subject pronouns & regular verb conjugation.** Introduction of subject pronouns and the patterns involved in regular verb conjugation. Present tense full conjugation of **jouer** (to play), **finir** (to finish) and **vendre** (to sell).

### Phonics & pronunciation we will see:

- **Silent letters.** There are lots of silent letters and silent letter strings in the four high frequency regular verbs used in this unit. The 's' in **tu joues** & **tu finis** and **je vais**, **je fais**, **tu as** and **tu fais** for example. The letters s, x, z, t, d, n and m, normally silent when at the end of a word, are often pronounced when the next word begins with a vowel.
- **-ent** in the **ils/elles** conjugations **ils/elles jouent/finissent/vendent** is silent. The **-ent** at the end of a French verb is never pronounced.

### Vocabulary we will learn & revisit:

Personal/subject pronouns will be revisited and the full verb conjugations of the three high frequency verbs. All listed on the Vocabulary Sheet.