



Unit 3 Lesson 2

Let's Play with Verb Conjugation

I poetry. You poetry.

He/she/it poetries.

We poetry. You poetry. They poetry.

That's my conjugation.

What is wrong with my poem?

Time for a sing-song?

Latin	French	English	English (again)	German
canto	je chante	I chant	I sing	ich singe
cantas	tu chantes	you chant	you sing	du singst
cantat	il chante	he chants	he sings	er singt
cantamus	nous chantons	we chant	we sing	wir singen
cantatis	vous chantez	you chant	you sing	ihr singt
cantant	ils chantent	they chant	they sing	sie singen

1. What are the similarities and differences between these five verbs?
2. What patterns are there in those differences?
3. What is a personal pronoun and how do personal pronouns work in languages?
4. Why do you think that French has stopped pronouncing its endings?
5. Why has English got so few endings?
6. Why are three of the verbs so similar and why is the verb 'to sing' different?



7. How does/how might each verb make a past tense?
8. What other words - in any language - could you make from these verbs?
9. Write out the present tense of any other language you know and consider the similarities and differences?

Let's conjugate. Fill in the gaps.

English: to eat

I _____

you _____

he/she _____

we _____

you _____

they _____

French: manger

je mang _____

tu mang _____

il/elle mang _____

nous mange _____

vous mang _____

ils/elles mang _____

Latin: maducare

manduc _____

manduc _____

manduc _____

manduc _____

manduc _____

manduc _____