

The World of Languages and Languages of the World

Today, let's play with conjugation.

Verb Conjugation

Verb conjugation refers to how a verb changes to show a different person, tense, number or mood.

I know

You know

She knows

he, it, one)

We know

You know

They know

- first person singular

- second person singular

- third person singular (she,

- first person plural

- second person plural

- third person plural



Conjugation Poem

I poetry. You poetry. He/she/it poetries. We poetry. You poetry. They poetry. That's my conjugation.

What is wrong with my poem?



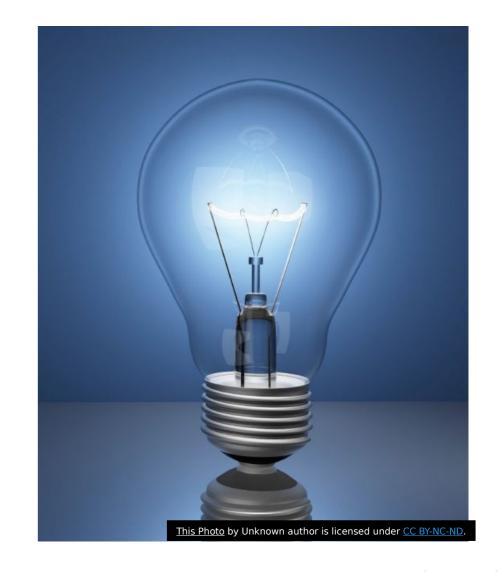
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I have conjugated a noun here. Poetry is not a verb. Conjugation happens only with verbs.

When we change a noun to show a different person, tense or number this is called declension. (That's for another lesson).





Let's Investigate Conjugation Time for a Sing Song

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







Look at the verbs on your "Time for a Sing Song" worksheet.



Work through the questions together.



You have fifteen minutes.



Be prepared to share your thoughts.



Les Questions, Las Preguntas, Le Domande

1. What are the similarities and differences between these four 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?



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- 5. Why has English got so few endings?
- 6. Why are three of the verbs so similar and why is the verb '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?



Plenary: Let's Play with Conjugation

To eat. Manger. Manducare.

Fna	lish:	to	eat
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you _____he/she _____ we ____ you ____ they French: manger Latin: maducare

je mang____
tu mang____
il/elle mang____
nous mange____
vous mang____

ils/elles mang

manduc____
manduc____
manduc____
manduc____
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Plenary: Let's Play with Conjugation To eat. Manger. Manducare.

English: to eat

French: manger

Latin: manducare

I eat

You eat

He/she/it eats

We eat

You eat

They eat

je mange

tu manges

il/elle mange

nous mangeons

vous mangez

ils/elles mangent

manduco

manducas

manducat

manducamus

manducatis

manducant



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