**Le Conditionnel**

It express wishes, to make polite requests and suggestions. **le conditionnel** and is most often translated by **would** in English.

For example:

1. Je vous conseillerais  de ne pas habiter sur le campus.

-I would advise you not to live on campus.

2. Je voudrais vous rappeler de ne pas oublier votre tenue de sport.

-I would like to remind you not to forget your sports gear

3. Je préférais payer ma part.

-I would prefer to pay my own way.

**French conditional conjugations**To conjugate an -ER or -IR verb in the conditional, add the appropriate endings to the infinitive. For -RE verbs, remove the final -e and then add the conditional endings.

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| [Pronoun](http://french.about.com/od/grammar/ss/subjectpronouns.htm) | Conditional ending | parler | finir | vendre |
| Je | -ais | parlerais | finirais | vendrais |
| Tu | -ais | parlerais | finirais | vendrais |
| Il | -ait | parlerait | finirait | vendrait |
| Nous | -ions | parlerions | finirions | vendrions |
| Vous | -iez | parleriez | finiriez | vendriez |
| Ils | -aient | parleraient | finiraient | vendraient |

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| **infinitive** | **stem** | **conditional** | **translation** |
| Préférer | **préférer-** | je préférerais | I would prefer |
| Espérer | **espérer-** | j'espérerais | I would hope |
| Manger | **manger-** | je mangerais | I would eat |
| Commencer | **commencer-** | je commencerais | I would start |

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| **present tense** | **stem** | **conditional** | **translation** |
| j'appelle | **appeller-** | j'appellerais | I would call |
| j'emploie | **emploier-** | j'emploierais | I would use |
| j'achète | **achèter-** | j'achèterais | I would buy |

Irregular stems   
Verbs with irregular future stems use the same irregular stems in the conditional. Here is a list of the most common irregular stems:

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|  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | infinitive | Stem | conditional | Translation | | aller | ir- | j'irais | I would go | | avoir | aur- | j'aurais | I would have | | courir | courr- | je courrais | I would run | | devoir | devr- | je devrais | I would be obliged to | | envoyer | enverr- | j'enverrais | I would send | | être | ser- | je serais | I would be | | faire | fer- | je ferais | I would do | | falloir | faudr- | il faudrait | it would be necessary | | mourir | mourr- | je mourrais | I would die | | obtenir | obtiendr- | j'obtiendrais | Iwould obtain | | pleuvoir | pleuvr- | il pleuvrait | it would rain | | pouvoir | pourr- | je pourrais | I would be able | | recevoir | recevr- | je recevrais | I would receive | | savoir | saur- | je saurais | I would know | | tenir | tiendr- | je tiendrais | I would hold | | venir | viendr- | je viendrais | I would come | | voir | verr- | je verrais | I would see | | vouloir | voudr- | je voudrais | I would want | |

The conditional is used to refer to hypothetical events. The hypothetical situation itself is introduced by **si** (**if** clauses)

1. **Si + présent**, **présent**

Si tu veux , tu peux rester ici. [If you want, you can take a rest here.]

1. **Si + présent** , **futur simple**

Si vous venez , nous irons au cinéma. [If you come, we will go to cinema.]

1. **Si + imparfait , conditionnel présent**

Si je gagnais au loto, je ferais le tour du monde. [If I won the lottery, I would travel the world]