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1 Verb Conjugation

1.1 The 3 Verb Groups

1. Group 3: 来る and する make up the group 3 verbs.

2. Group 2: If there is a え or い ending syllable before the る-ending of the verb then it is a group 2 verb.

3. Exceptions: There are some exceptions to group 2: 帰る,切る, 知る,入る,走る these are group 1 verbs.

4. Group 1: Everything else. Including る ending verbs which are not in group 2.

1.2 The Polite-Style, ます-Form

1. Group 1: Change the う-ending to a い-ending and add ます.

2. Group 2: Remove the る and add ます instead.

3. Group 3: する –> します, 来る –> 来ます

1.2.1 The Forms ません, ました, ませんでした, ましょう

1. Remove the ます and add ません for the negative-form, ました for the past-form,
ませんでした for the past-negative-form and finally ましょう for the 'lets-do'-form.

1.3 The Plain-Style, ない-Form

1. Group 1: Change the う-ending to an あ-ending, if the verb ends in う itself, change it to わ instead. Add ない.
ある is an exception, it becomes simply ない itself.

2. Group 2: Remove the る and add ない.

3. Group 3: する –> しない, 来る –> 来ない

1.3.1 The negative Plain-Style, なかった-Form

1. In order to negate any verb in plain style simply remove the ない and add なかった instead.

1.4 The て-Form

1. Group 1:

   (a) Ending with: る, つ, う: Remove the ending and replace it with って.
   (b) Ending with: む, ぶ, ぬ Remove the ending and replace it with んで.
   (c) Ending with: く, ぐ: The く becomes いて and the ぐ becomes いで. Exception: いく becomes いって.
   (d) Ending with: す: Remove the ending and replace it with して.

2. Group 2: Replace the ending る with て.

3. Group 3: する –> して 来る –>　きて

1.4.1 The た-Form

1. For the た-Form simply replace the て with た and で with だ.

1.5 The Casual Volitional-Form ¥

1. This form expresses ones desire to do something akin to 'Let's...', it is the plain-style of ましょう.

2. Group 1: Change the ending from its う-form to the お-form and add う. This then forms essentially a long o.

3. Group 2: Take out the ending る and replace it with よう.

4. Group 3: する –> しよう, 来る –>　来.

1.6   The Potential-Form ¥

1. This form expresses ones ability to know how to, to be able to, do something.

2. Group 1: Change the ending from its う-form to the え-form and add る.

3. Group 2: Take out the ending る and replace it with られる.

4. Group 3: する –> できる, 来る –> 来られる.

5. Warning: All Verbs in potential-form are group 2 verbs when conjugating further.

1.7   The Causative-Form ¥

1. This form expresses one to let or make someone else do something.

2. Group 1: Change the ending from its う-form to the あ-form and add せる.

3. Group 2: Take out the ending る and replace it with させる.

4. Group 3: する –> させる, 来る –> 来させる.

5. Warning: All Verbs in potential-form are group 2 verbs when conjugating further.