

French Verbs	English Translations
aller	to go
arriver	to arrive
entrer	to enter
sortir	to go out, come out
venir	to come
revenir	to come back, return
rentrer	to return home
retourner	to return
partir	to leave, depart
monter	to go up
descendre	to go down
tomber	to fall
rester	to stay, remain
devenir	to become
naître	to be born
mourir	to die

There is a mnemonic or memory-aiding device designed to help remember these verbs. Each letter in **Dr. & Mrs. Vandertramp** suggests another verb that uses **être** as the auxiliary in the **passé composé**.

You must know the present tense of **être** and the past participle of the verbs you want to conjugate. Also, unlike verbs that use the helping verb **avoir**, the **past participle must agree with the subject**. A few examples include: **elle est allée** (she went), **nous sommes sortis** (we went out), and **il est rentré** (he returned home).

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English Translation	Infinitive	Irregular Past Participle
to learn	apprendre	appris
to have	avoir	eu
to drink	boire	bu
to understand	comprendre	compris
to drive	conduire	conduit
to know	connaître	connu
to discover	découvrir	découvert
to be obliged to, to have to, to owe	devoir	dû
to say, tell	dire	dit
to write	écrire	écrit
to be	être	été
to do, make	faire	fait
to read	lire	lu
to put, place, put on	mettre	mis
to obtain	obtenir	obtenu
to offer	offrir	offert
to open	ouvrir	ouvert
to rain	pleuvoir	plu
to be able	pouvoir	pu
to receive	recevoir	reçu
to see	voir	vu
to wish, want	vouloir	voulu

A few examples include: **j'ai appris** (I learned), **elle a écrit** (she wrote), **nous avons bu** (we drank), and **tu as vu** (you saw).

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