

6-7c Structure 6.3

Using verbs like *venir* and telling what just happened *Les verbes comme **venir** et **venir de** + infinitif*

You learned the verb **venir** in **Module 3**. Here are some other useful verbs conjugated like **venir**. Derivations of **venir** are conjugated with **être** in the **passé composé**. Derivations of **tenir** are conjugated with **avoir**.

auxiliaire être		auxiliaire avoir	
devenir <i>to become</i>		tenir <i>to hold; to keep</i>	obtenir <i>to obtain</i>
revenir <i>to come back</i>		maintenir <i>to maintain</i>	

Elle **est revenue** en train?

Did she come back by train?

Les enfants **tiennent** la main de leur mère.

The children are holding their mother's hand.

Venir de + infinitif

In French, the **passé récent**, which indicates that an action has just happened, is formed by using the present tense of **venir** followed by **de** and the infinitive.

Nous **venons de** courir cinq kilomètres.

We just ran five kilometers.