

## 7-7b Structure 7.2

### Writing verbs with minor spelling changes *Les verbes avec changements orthographiques*

Some **-er** verbs in French have regular endings but require slight spelling changes to reflect their pronunciation.

The verbs **préférer** (*to prefer*), **espérer** (*to hope [for]*), and **répéter** (*to repeat*) follow this pattern:

je préfère BUT nous préférons    ils préfèrent BUT vous préférez

Verbs such as **acheter** have a slightly different change:

ils achètent BUT nous                    tu achètes BUT vous achetez  
achetons

For the verb **appeler**, the **l** doubles when preceded by a pronounced **e**.

nous appelons BUT j'appelle    vous appelez BUT tu appelles

Verbs ending in **-ger**, such as **manger** and **nager**, have the following change: **g** → **ge** before **-ons** to maintain the soft **g** sound.

je mange BUT nous mangeons

Verbs ending in **-cer**, such as **commencer**, have the following change: **c** → **ç** before **-ons** to maintain the soft **c** sound.

je commence BUT nous commençons

The **nous** and **vous** forms of these verbs always have the same stem as the infinitive. The **passé composé** of these verbs is formed regularly on the infinitive.

appeler → j'ai appelé	acheter → j'ai acheté
espérer → j'ai espéré	manger → j'ai mangé
répéter → j'ai répété	commencer → j'ai commencé

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