

5-10d Structure 5.4

Talking about eating and drinking **Prendre, boire et les verbes réguliers en -re**

Prendre

Prendre is irregular. Figuratively, it means *to have something to eat or drink*.

prendre (to take)

je prends	nous prenons
tu prends	vous prenez
il/elle/on prend	ils/elles prennent

Elles ne **prennent** pas le bus.

They're not taking the bus.

Nous **prenons** deux chocolats chauds.

We'll have two hot chocolates.

Two other verbs that are formed like **prendre** are **apprendre** (to learn) and **comprendre** (to understand).

Je ne **comprends** pas. *I don't understand.*

Nous apprenons le français.	<i>We are learning French.</i>
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Boire

Boire is also irregular.

boire (to drink)

je bois	nous buvons
tu bois	vous buvez
il/elle/on boit	ils/elles boivent

Regular -re verbs

To conjugate regular **-re** verbs, drop the **-re** ending from the infinitive and add these endings.

attendre (<i>to wait for</i>)	
j'attends	nous attend ons
tu attends	vous attendez
il/elle/on attend	ils/elles attend ent

Notice that **attendre** doesn't take a preposition.

J' attends l'addition.	<i>I' m waiting for the bill.</i>
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entendre <i>to hear</i>
perdre <i>to lose</i>
rendre <i>to return</i> (<i>something</i>)
répondre <i>to answer;</i> <i>to reply</i>
vendre <i>to sell</i>

Qu'est-ce qu'on **vend** dans cette boutique?

What are they selling in that shop?

Vous **répondez** vite à vos e-mails.

You answer your emails quickly.

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