

French Sentence Structures by Tense

1. Present Tense (Le Présent)

Structure: Subject + Verb (present) + Object

Example: Je parle français. (I speak French.)

Negative: Je ne parle pas français. (I do not speak French.)

2. Past Tense (Passé Composé)

Structure: Subject + Auxiliary (avoir/être) + Past Participle + Object

Example: Elle a fini ses devoirs. (She finished her homework.)

Negative: Elle n'a pas fini ses devoirs. (She did not finish her homework.)

3. Imperfect Tense (L'Imparfait)

Structure: Subject + Verb (imparfait) + Object

Example: Nous regardions la télé. (We were watching TV.)

Negative: Nous ne regardions pas la télé. (We were not watching TV.)

4. Future Tense (Le Futur Simple)

Structure: Subject + Verb (future simple) + Object

Example: Tu iras à Paris demain. (You will go to Paris tomorrow.)

Negative: Tu n'iras pas à Paris demain. (You will not go to Paris tomorrow.)

5. Near Future (Le Futur Proche)

Structure: Subject + Aller (present) + Infinitive Verb + Object

Example: Je vais manger une pizza. (I'm going to eat a pizza.)

Negative: Je ne vais pas manger une pizza. (I'm not going to eat a pizza.)

6. Conditional Tense (Le Conditionnel Présent)

Structure: Subject + Verb (conditional) + Object

Example: Il aimerait voyager. (He would like to travel.)

Negative: Il n'aimerait pas voyager. (He wouldn't like to travel.)

7. Past Conditional (Conditionnel Passé)

Structure: Subject + Auxiliary (conditional) + Past Participle + Object

Example: J'aurais accepté l'offre. (I would have accepted the offer.)

Negative: Je n'aurais pas accepté l'offre. (I would not have accepted the offer.)

8. Subjunctive (Le Subjonctif Présent)

Structure: Main clause + que + Subject + Verb (subjunctive)

Example: Il faut que tu viennes. (It's necessary that you come.)

Negative: Il ne faut pas que tu viennes. (It's not necessary that you come.)