

Nepali has a "Master Formula" for each tense. Once you know the **Root** (remove *-nu*), you just plug in the specific tense suffix. Here is the **Universal Algorithm** for the 3 main tenses.

1. Present Tense (The "Chha" Pattern)

Use for: Habits, general facts, and "right now."

The Rule:

- **Consonant Roots:** Add the ending directly.
- **Vowel Roots:** Add "n" before the ending.

Subject	Suffix (Consonant)	Suffix (Vowel)	Example (Garnu - Consonant)	Example (Khanu - Vowel)
Ma	-chhu	-nchhu	Ma garchhu	Ma khanchhu
Haami	-chhau	-nchhau	Haami garchhau	Haami khanchhau
Timi	-chhau	-nchhau	Timi garchhau	Timi khanchhau
Tapaai / Uha	-nuhunchha	-nuhunchha	Tapaai garnuhunchha	Tapaai khanuhunchha

2. Past Tense (The "Yo/E" Pattern)

Use for: Completed actions.

The Rule:

- **Ma (I):** Ends in **-e** (often adds a "y" sound for vowel verbs).
- **We/You:** Ends in **-yau** (The "y" is crucial here).
- **Respect (In-Laws):** Ends in **-nubhayo**.

Subject	Suffix	Example (Garnu - To Do)	Example (Khanu - To Eat)

Ma	-e / -ye	Maile gare (I did)	Maile khaye (I ate)
Haami	-yau	Haamile garyau	Haamile khayau
Timi	-yau	Timile garyau	Timile khayau
Tapaaai / Uha	-nubhayo	Tapaaile garnubhayo	Tapaaile khanubhayo
He/She (Casual)	-yo	Usle garyo	Usle khayo

Critical Note for Past Tense:

Did you notice I added **-le** to the subjects (*Maile, Haamile*)?

- In the **Past Tense only**, transitive verbs (verbs that take an object, like "eat" or "do") require you to add **-le** to the subject.
- *Ma bhat khanchhu* (Present) \rightarrow *Maile bhat khaye* (Past).
- *Verbs of motion* (*Go, Come, Walk*) do NOT take **-le**.

3. Future Tense (The "Ne" Pattern)

Use for: "I will do X."

The Rule:

This is the easiest tense! You take the **Root**, add **-ne**, and then add the Present Tense endings.

- *Formula: Root + ne + [Endings]*

Subject	Suffix	Example (Garnu)	Example (Khanu)
Ma	-nechhu	Ma garnechhu	Ma khanechhu

Haami	-nechhau	Haami garnechhau	Haami khanechhau
Timi	-nechhau	Timi garnechhau	Timi khanechhau
Tapaai / Uha	-nuhunechha	Tapaai garnuhunechha	Tapaai khanuhunechha

Summary Table for Your App Logic

If you are coding this, here is your logic map:

Tense	Ma (I)	Haami/Timi (We/You)	Tapaai (In-Laws)
Present	-chhu	-chhau	-nuhunchha
Past	-e / -ye	-yau	-nubhayo
Future	-nechhu	-nechhau	-nuhunechha

The One Exception (Again):

Remember **Jaanu** (To Go) in the Past Tense!

- It does NOT follow the *Gar-e* pattern.
- It becomes **Gaye** (I went), **Gayau** (We went), **Janubhayo** (You went - *Respect forms are always regular!*).