Participe passé: emploi et forme

Past Participle: Use and Forms

Category

verb conjugation: adjective

Level

Intermediate

We use the past participle in different ways:  
  
**I. With tenses:**  
  
The most common one is *le passé composé*. We also use it in the following tenses:

1. Indicative: *plus-que-parfait, conditionnel passé, passé antérieur, futur antérieur*
2. Subjunctive: *passé and plus-que-parfait*
3. Conditional: *passé*
4. Imperative: *passé*
5. Infinitive: *passé*
6. Gerundive: *passé*

**II. As an adjective:  
  
For Example:**

1. *Les fleurs ouvertes sont jolies.*  
   "The open flowers are pretty."

Formation

**Regular Past Participles  
  
First Verb Group:  
*Verb in –er*/*Past Participle*/ "English"**  
*Parler* / *parlé* / "to talk"  
  
**Second Verb Group:  
*Verb in –ir*/*Past Participle*/ "English"**  
*Finir* / *fini* / "to finish"  
  
**Some Irregular Past Participles  
  
Third verb group:  
*French Infinitive* / *Past Participle* / "English"**  
*Avoir* / *eu* / "to have"  
*Être* / *été* / "to be"  
*Aller* / *allé* / "to go"  
*Faire* / *fait* / "to be"  
*Pouvoir* / *pu* / "be able to"  
*Vouloir* / *voulu* / "want"  
*Devoir* / *dû* / "to have to"  
*Savoir* / *su* / "to know"