

French common verbs

Verb	Translation
être	to be
avoir	to have
pouvoir	to be able
faire	to do
mettre	to put
dire	to say
devoir	must
prendre	to take
donner	to give
aller	to go
vouloir	to want
savoir	to know
falloir	to have to
voir	to see
demander	to ask
trouver	to find
rendre	to return (something)
venir	to come
passer	to pass
comprendre	to understand
rester	to stay
tenir	to hold
porter	to carry
parler	to speak
montrer	to show
continuer	to continue
penser	to think
suivre	to follow, to pay attention
connaître	to know, to be acquainted with
croire	to believe (in)
commencer	to begin, to start, to commence
compter	to count
entendre	to hear, to understand
attendre	to wait, to expect
remettre	to put back (on), to replace, to deliver
appeler	to call, to contact
permettre	to permit, to allow, to enable
occuper	to occupy, to take up (space/time)
devenir	to become, to grow (into), to turn (into)
partir	to leave, to depart, to proceed
décider	to decide, to persuade

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arriver	to arrive, to happen
servir	to serve
sembler	to seem
revenir	to return, to come back
laisser	to leave, to allow, to let
recevoir	to receive, to welcome
répondre	to answer, to reply
vivre	to live
rappeler	to call back, to remind
présenter	to present, to introduce
accepter	to accept
agir	to act
poser	to put down, to pose, to lay (something) down
jouer	to play, to act, to gamble
reconnaître	to recognize, to acknowledge
choisir	to choose, to select
toucher	to touch, to feel, to affect
aimer	to like, to love
retrouver	to find, to regain, to meet up
perdre	to lose, to waste
expliquer	to explain, to account for
considérer	to consider, to study
ouvrir	to open (up)
gagner	to win, to gain, to earn
exister	to exist
refuser	to refuse
lire	to read
réussir	to succeed
changer	to change, to alter
travailler	to work
représenter	to represent, to depict, to portray
assurer	to secure, to assure, to insure
essayer	to try, to attempt
empêcher	to prevent, to stop
sortir	to go out, to leave, to exit, to come out
reprendre	to resume, to recover, to take back
mener	to lead, to conduct
appartenir	to belong, to concern
risquer	to risk
concerner	to concern, to affect
apprendre	to learn, to teach, to hear of
rencontrer	to meet, to encounter

Verb	Translation
créer	to create, to build
obtenir	to obtain, to get
chercher	to look for, to seek
entrer	to enter, to go into
proposer	to suggest, to propose, to offer
apporter	to bring, to cause
utiliser	to use, to employ
atteindre	to reach, to attain, to achieve
tenter	to tempt
importer	to import, to matter
ajouter	to add
produire	to produce
préparer	to prepare (something), to make
relever	to raise, to stand up, to pick up
écrire	to write
défendre	to defend, to stand up for, to forbid
tirer	to pull, to draw (curtains, sword), to fire (gun)