**Present Tense of -RE Verbs**

To conjugate a verb ending with -RE, follow these rules:

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| 1. **Take OFF** the -re | 1. **Add:** | **s**  **s**  **-**  **ons**  **ez**  **ent** | for  for  for  for  for  for | Je  Tu  Il/Elle/Qui/On (don’t add anything)  Nous  Vous  Ils/Elles |

**Examples:**

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| **Attendre (to wait)** | | |  | **Vendre (to sell)** | | |
| J’attends | ⇒ | I wait/I am waiting |  | Je vends | ⇒ | I sell/I am selling |
| Tu attends | ⇒ | You wait/You are waiting |  | Tu vends | ⇒ | You sell/You are selling |
| Il attend | ⇒ | He waits/He is waiting |  | Elle vend | ⇒ | He sells/He is selling |
| Nous attendons | ⇒ | We wait/We are waiting |  | Nous vendons | ⇒ | We sell/We are selling |
| Vous attendez | ⇒ | You (pl.) waitt/You are waiting |  | Vous vendez | ⇒ | You (pl.) sell/You are selling |
| Elles attendent | ⇒ | They wait/They are waiting |  | Ils vendent | ⇒ | They sell/They are selling |

**Common -re verbs**

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| **attendre** | to wait | **pendre** | to hang or suspend |
| **confondre** | to confuse | **perdre** | to lose |
| **correspondre** | to correspond | **prétendre** | to claim |
| **défendre** | to defend | **rendre** | to give back |
| **dépendre** | to depend | **répandre** | to spread or scatter |
| **descendre** | to descend | **répondre** | to answer |
| **entendre** | to hear | **suspendre** | to suspend |
| **étendre** | to stretch | **tordre** | to twist |
| **fondre** | to melt | **vendre** | to sell |
| **mordre** | to bite |  |  |

**Prendre (to take) - not quite an RE verb, but close**

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| Je prends ⇒ I take/I am taking | Nous prenons ⇒ We take/We are taking |
| Tu attends ⇒ You take/You are taking | Vous prenez ⇒ You (pl) take/You are taking |
| Elle/Il attend ⇒ S/He takes/ S/He is taking | Ils/Elles prennent ⇒ They take/They are taking |

**Apprendre (to learn)** follows the same patterns as **prendre**

**More Examples:**

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| Perdre (to lose) | Je perds | ⇒ | I lose/I am losing |
| Rendre (to give back) | Tu rends | ⇒ | You give back/ You are giving back |
| Descendre (to descend) | Il descend | ⇒ | He descends / He is descending |
| Défendre (to defend) | Nous défendons | ⇒ | We defend / We are defending |
| Répondre (to answer) | Vous répondez | ⇒ | You (pl) answer / You are answering |
| Dépendre (to depend) | Elles dépendent | ⇒ | They depend / They are depending |

**Fill in the blank with the correct French conjugation.**

**Step 1:** Figure out if it’s je, tu, il, elle, nous, vous, ils or elles

**Step 2:** Change the -re on the verb to match what you got in Step 1

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| I melt (fondre) je fonds |
| He waits (attendre) il attend |
| You [formal] give back (rendre) vous rendez |
| They [fem] sell (vendre) elles vendent |
| You [familiar] descend (descendre) tu descends |
| I answer (répondre) je réponds |
| We lose (perdre) nous perdons |
| She hears (entendre) elle entend |
| You [formal] defend (défendre) vous défendez |
| We stretch (étendre) nous étendons |
| They [fem] correspond (correspondre) elles correspondent |
| I confuse (confondre) je confonds |
| You [familiar] claim (prétendre) tu prétends |
| He scatters (répandre) il répand |
| We give back (rendre) nous rendons |
| You [formal] wait (attendre) vous attendez |
| She twists (tordre) elle tord |
| I bite (mordre) je mords |