French 1A: Unit 5 –ER Verb Conjugation  
**Notes: Subject Pronouns and Conjugating –ER verbs**

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**Subject Pronouns:** Subject pronouns are words that replace the name of the person doing the action.

As in English, French subject pronouns are either **singular** or **plural**.

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\*\*There are 2 ways to say YOU in French:

tu = you for one person you know, vous = you for someone you don’t know (formal) or several people (plural, ie. y’all)

Subject pronouns replace people’s names. **ex.** Il 🡪 Marc Ils 🡪 Marc et Julie Nous 🡪 Moi et mes amis

Elle 🡪 Julie Elles 🡪 Julie et Lucie Vous 🡪 Toi et ta famille

**Conjugating ER Verbs**: (To say who is doing an action, using a verb that ends in ER)

Conjugating all regular ER verbs follows a series of 2 easy steps!

1. **Take off the ER ending** from the **infinitive** of the verb (or the one that ends in ER and means “to…”)…

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| nag**er**  = to swim | dans**er** = to dance | regard**er**  = to watch | étudi**er** = to study |

…**to get the STEM of the verb**

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| nager – er = **nag** | danser – er = **dans** | regarder – er = **regard** | étudier – er = **étudi** |

1. Add the **new ending** that fits the person (subject) that is doing the action

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| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Je **e** | | Nous **ons** | | | Tu **es** | | Vous **ez** | | | Il  Elle  On  **e** |  | Ils Elles | **ent** | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | J’ | Nous | | Tu | Vous | | Il/Elle | Ils/Elles |   étudier = |

Exception: **-ger** verbs like nager & manger for the **nous** form you add ­***–eons*** to keep the sound of the g!  
 **ex.** Nous nag**e**ons Nous mang**e**ons