

## Chapter- 8

# La famille de Manuel

**STUDY NOTES**

In this chapter we will learn about

- A. ER verb
- B. La famille

**ER VERB**

There are three major groups of regular verbs in French: verbs with infinitives ending in -er. Since -er verbs are the most numerous, they are considered the first conjugation. To conjugate these verbs, drop the -er from the infinitive to form the stem. Next, add the -er endings to the stem. Different tenses have different endings.

The endings given below (-e, -es, -e, -ons, -ez, -ent) are for forming the present tense. The endings (-e, -es, -e, and -ent) are all silent. The only endings that are pronounced are the nous (-ons) and the vous (-ez) endings. The four silent endings form a boot shape in the verb conjugation. There are several thousand verbs that end in -er, the largest category of regular French verbs. To conjugate them, remove the infinitive ending and then add one of the following verb endings:

je	-e	nous	-ons
tu	-es	vous	-ez
il	-e	ils	-ent

Par exemple...

parler (to talk, speak)

je	parle	nous	parlons
tu	parles	vous	parlez
il/elle/on	parle	ils/elles	parlent

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One of the interesting things about la famille and French family vocabulary is that the word parent means not just "parent" as in mother or father, but also "relative." It can be both a noun and an adjective. Par exemple...

J'ai un parent à Lille.

I have a relative in Lille.

Nous sommes parents par mon père. We're related on my father's side.

## LA FAMILLE

Close relations, next of kin = les proches

brother	un frère	sister	une sœur
father	un père	mother	une mère
son	un fils	daughter	une fille
husband	un mari	une épouse	wife
uncle	un oncle	aunt	une tante
nephew	un neveu	niece	une nièce
cousin – male	un cousin	cousin – f	une cousine
grandfather	un grand-père		
grandmother	une grand-mère		
great grandfather	arrière-grand-père		
great grandmother	arrière-grand-mère		
grandson	un petit-fils		
granddaughter	une petite-fille		
great grandson	arrière-petit-fils		
great granddaughter	arrière-petite-fille		

## Special family terms

Un aîné / une aînée can refer to an older brother/sister, the oldest brother/sister, or the first-born son/daughter.

Un cadet / une cadette can refer to a younger brother/sister or the second-born son/daughter in a family.

Le benjamin / la benjamine is the youngest child in a family.

