Your notes

KS3 French: revision notes

Grammar: the present tense

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Subject pronouns

- je (I), tu (you, to one friend), il (he), elle (she), on (we or one), **nous** (we), **vous** (you, to several people or politely to one), ils (they, masculine or mixed), elles (they, feminine).
- Use **vous** to speak politely to a teacher or an adult you don't know.

Regular verbs

- -er verbs: take off -er and add -e, -es, -e, -ons, -ez, -ent. jouer: je joue, tu joues, il joue, **nous** jouons, **vous** jouez, ils jouent.
- -ir verbs: finir: je finis, tu finis, il finit, **nous** finissons, **vous** finissez, ils finissent.
- -re verbs: vendre: je vends, **nous** vendons.

Key irregular verbs

- être (to be): je suis, tu es, il est, **nous** sommes, **vous** êtes, ils sont.
- **avoir** (to have): j'ai, tu as, il a, **nous** avons, **vous** avez, ils ont.
- **aller** (to go): je vais, tu vas, il va, **nous** allons, **vous** allez, ils vont.
- **faire** (to do or make): je fais, tu fais, il fait, **nous** faisons, **vous** faites, ils font.

Negatives and questions

- Put **ne... pas** around the verb: je ne joue pas (I don't play). Before a vowel, ne becomes n': je n'aime pas.
- Ask questions by raising your voice (Tu aimes le sport?) or with est-ce que (Est-ce que tu aimes le sport?).
- Question words: où (where), quand (when), **pourquoi** (why), qui (who), comment (how), combien (how much).

Key terms

je	I
tu	you (one friend)
vous	you (several people, or polite)
nous	we
ils	they
être	to be
avoir	to have
aller	to go
faire	to do or make
ne... pas	not
pourquoi	why
où	where

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. What is the "je" form of "jouer"?
2. What is the "nous" form of "jouer"?
3. What is the "vous" form of "être"?
4. What is the "ils" form of "avoir"?
5. What is the "je" form of "aller"?
6. How do you say "I don't play" in French?
7. What does "pourquoi" mean?
8. What does "où" mean?

Answers

1. je joue
2. nous jouons
3. vous êtes
4. ils ont
5. je vais
6. je ne joue pas
7. why
8. where

What to do next

Practise 12 questions on this topic

Try 4 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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