



FRENCH TABLE

Past participles

Most common irregular past participles

The verbs in blue take the auxiliary être.



Verb	Translation
<i>apprendre</i>	to learn
<i>avoir</i>	to have
<i>boire</i>	to drink
<i>comprendre</i>	to understand
<i>conduire</i>	to drive
<i>connaître</i>	to know
<i>courir</i>	to run
<i>craindre</i>	to fear
<i>devenir</i>	to become
<i>devoir</i>	to have to
<i>dire</i>	to say/to tell
<i>écrire</i>	to write
<i>être</i>	to be
<i>faire</i>	to do/to make

Past Participle	Translation
<i>appris</i>	learned
<i>eu</i>	had
<i>bu</i>	drunk
<i>compris</i>	understood
<i>conduit</i>	driven
<i>connu</i>	known
<i>couru</i>	run
<i>crain</i>	feared
<i>devenu</i>	become
<i>dû</i>	had to
<i>dit</i>	said/told
<i>écrit</i>	written
<i>été</i>	been
<i>fait</i>	done/made

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<i>lire</i>	to read
<i>mettre</i>	to put
<i>mourir</i>	to die
<i>naître</i>	to be born
<i>offrir</i>	to offer
<i>ouvrir</i>	to open
<i>pleuvoir</i>	to rain
<i>pouvoir</i>	to be able to
<i>prendre</i>	to take
<i>recevoir</i>	to receive
<i>rire</i>	to laugh
<i>savoir</i>	to know
<i>venir</i>	to come
<i>voir</i>	to see
<i>vouloir</i>	to want

Past Participle	Translation
<i>lu</i>	read
<i>mis</i>	put
<i>mort</i>	died
<i>né</i>	been born
<i>offert</i>	offered
<i>ouvert</i>	opened
<i>plu</i>	rained
<i>pu</i>	been able
<i>pris</i>	taken
<i>reçu</i>	received
<i>ri</i>	laughed
<i>su</i>	known
<i>venu</i>	come
<i>vu</i>	seen
<i>voulu</i>	wanted



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The acronym **Dr & Mrs Vandertramp** can help you memorize the verbs that take the auxiliary *être*.

	French	English
D	<i>devenir</i>	to become
R	<i>revenir</i>	to come back

M	<i>monter*</i>	to climb
R	<i>rester</i>	to stay
S	<i>sortir*</i>	to leave

V	<i>venir</i>	to come
A	<i>aller</i>	to go
N	<i>naître</i>	to be born
D	<i>descendre*</i>	to go down
E	<i>entrer*</i>	to enter
R	<i>rentrer</i>	to return, to go back in
T	<i>tomber</i>	to fall
R	<i>retourner*</i>	to return
A	<i>arriver</i>	to arrive
M	<i>mourir</i>	to die
P	<i>partir</i>	to leave

* These verbs use the auxiliary *avoir* if they are followed by a Direct Object.

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