

# How to translate French verbs in \_IR

## Activity

### ➤ A. "Finir" or "Partir"?

Sort out the following verbs according to their conjugation pattern:

*Blanchir, approfondir, savoir, salir, courir, intervenir, servir, maigrir, repartir, rajeunir, acquérir, recevoir, rafraîchir, élargir.*

**Note :** Don't use your dictionary unless it is absolutely necessary ! Use your knowledge to identify adjectives some of these verbs derive from.

Verbs conjugated like FINIR	Verbs conjugated like PARTIR
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____
• _____	• _____

### ➤ B. Find the French verb

Use the table to translate the following verbs into French:

Verb to translate	Adjective (Tip: "to become _____")	Add _IR	Answer
<i>Example:</i> To ripen	<i>mûr, mûre</i> (= ripe)	+ ir	<i>mûrir</i>
To become pale		+ ir	
To grow up		+ ir	
To thicken		+ ir	
To grow old		+ ir	

➤ C. Conjugation

Conjugate the last two verbs of the table in exercise B in the indicative present tense. Give their past participles.

..... (To thicken)	..... (To grow old)
Je	Je
Tu	Tu
Il	Il
Nous	Nous
Vous	Vous
Ils	Ils
Past participle : .....	Past participle : .....

# Answers

## ➤ A. "Finir" or "Partir"?

Verbs conjugated like <b>FINIR</b>	Verbs conjugated like <b>PARTIR</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blanchir</li> <li>• Approfondir</li> <li>• Salir</li> <li>• Maigrir</li> <li>• Rajeunir</li> <li>• Rafraîchir</li> <li>• Elargir</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savoir</li> <li>• Courir</li> <li>• Intervenir</li> <li>• Servir</li> <li>• Repartir</li> <li>• Acquérir</li> <li>• Recevoir</li> </ul>

## ➤ B. Find the French verb

Verb to translate	Adjective (Tip: "to become ____")	Add <b>_IR</b>	Answer
To become pale	pâle	+ ir	pâlir
To grow up	grand, grande	+ ir	grandir
To thicken	épais, épaisse	+ ir	épaissir
To grow old	vieux, vieille	+ ir	vieillir

## ➤ C. Conjugation

<p><b>EPAISSIR</b> (To thicken)</p> <p>J'épaissis</p> <p>Tu épaissis</p> <p>Il épaissit</p> <p>Nous épaississons</p> <p>Vous épaississez</p> <p>Ils épaississent</p> <p>Past participle : épaissi</p>	<p><b>VEILLIR</b> (To grow old)</p> <p>Je vieillis</p> <p>Tu vieillis</p> <p>Il vieillit</p> <p>Nous vieillissons</p> <p>Vous vieillissez</p> <p>Ils vieillissent</p> <p>Past participle : vieilli</p>
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