

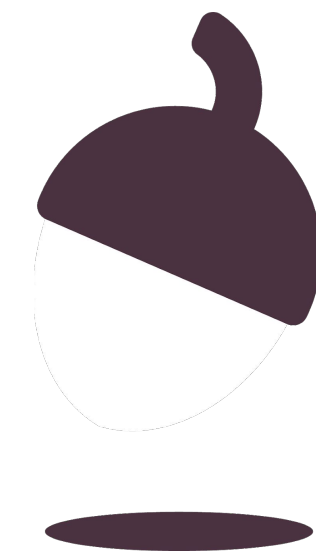
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# Talking about work experience (Part 1/2)

- Using the present and perfect tenses

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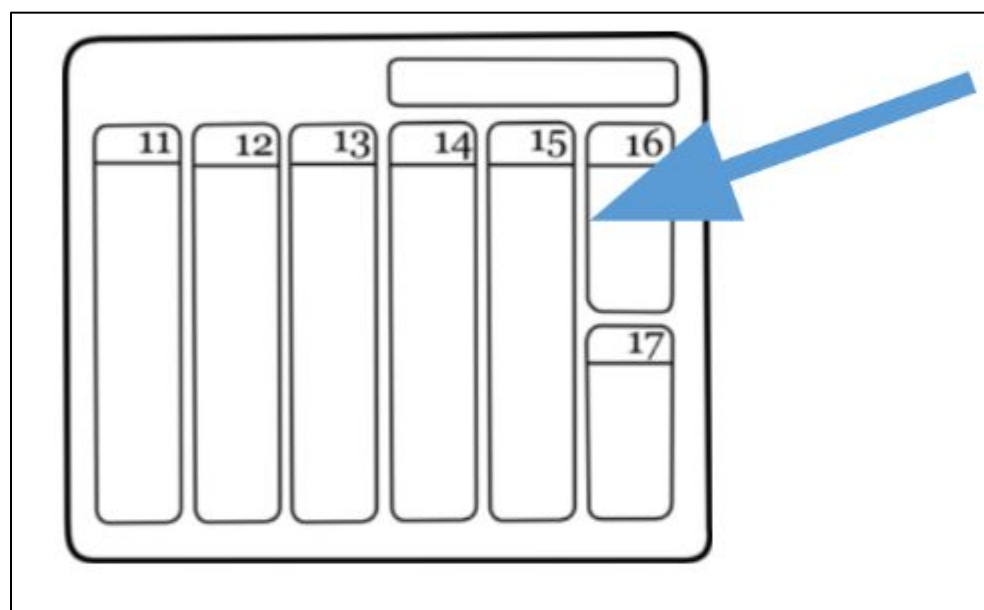
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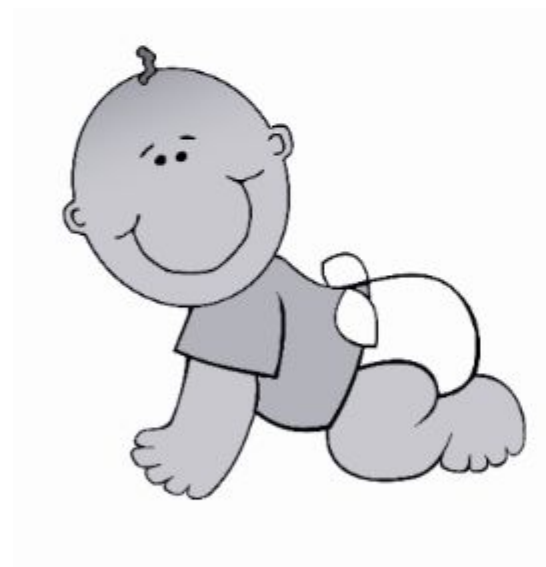
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servir les clients	to serve/serving customers
ranger les vêtements	to tidy/tidying clothes
aider les mécaniciens	to help/helping mechanics
taper des documents	to type/typing documents
laver les cheveux des clients	to wash/washing customers' hair
faire du café	to make/making coffee
répondre au téléphone	to answer/answering the phone
faire des photocopies	to make/ making photocopies
prendre des réservations	to take/taking bookings
envoyer des e-mails	to send/sending emails



Remember:  
infinitives  
can be  
translated  
as 'to..' as  
well as the  
gerund  
'...ing'.



# Using the present and perfect tenses - *er* verbs

***Je** tape des documents.*



**I type** documents.

***J'ai** tapé des documents.*



**I have typed** documents.

**I typed** documents.

For **-er verbs** like *taper*, **the past participle** ends in **é**.





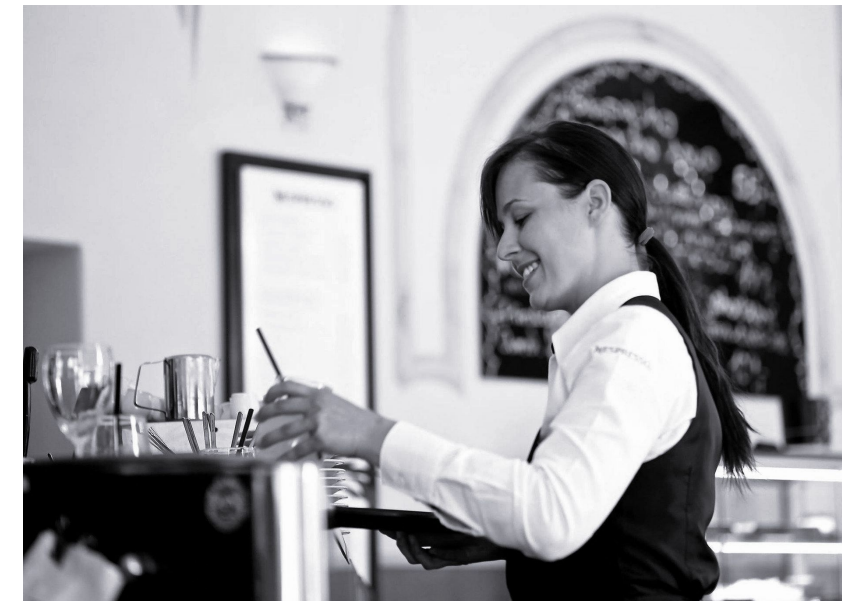
# Using the present and perfect tenses - *ir* verbs

***Je sers*** les clients.



**I serve** customers.

***J'ai servi*** les clients.



**I have served** customers.

**I served** customers.

For ***-ir* verbs** like *servir*, the **past participle** ends in ***i***.



# Using the present and perfect tenses - *re* verbs

***Je** réponds au téléphone.*



**I answer** the phone.

***J'ai** répondu au téléphone.*



**I have answered** the phone.

**I answered** the phone.

For **-re verbs** like *répondre*, **the past participle** ends in ***u***.



# Using the present and perfect tenses

The **present tense** is used for talking about events that are **happening now**, as well as **habits and routines**.

***Je** tape des documents.*

**I type** documents.

The **perfect tense** is used for talking about events that **have happened in the past** (completed actions).

***J'ai** tapé des documents.*

**I have** typed documents.

**I typed** documents.





# Forming the perfect tense - regular verbs with *avoir*

subject pronoun	The verb <b><i>avoir</i></b> (to have/having) in the <b><i>present</i></b> tense	<b><i>past participle</i></b>
<b><i>j'</i></b>	<b><i>ai</i></b>	For <b><i>-er</i></b> verbs, remove <b><i>-er</i></b> and add <b><i>-é</i></b>
<b><i>tu</i></b>	<b><i>as</i></b>	
<b><i>il/elle/on</i></b>	<b><i>a</i></b>	For <b><i>-ir</i></b> verbs, remove <b><i>-ir</i></b> and add <b><i>-i</i></b>
<b><i>nous</i></b>	<b><i>avons</i></b>	
<b><i>vous</i></b>	<b><i>avez</i></b>	For <b><i>-re</i></b> verbs, remove <b><i>-re</i></b> and add <b><i>-u</i></b>
<b><i>ils/elles</i></b>	<b><i>ont</i></b>	



Some verbs have ***irregular*** past participles:

***faire = fait***  
***prendre = pris***



# Talking about work experience

1. Past participles of regular -er verbs end in ...

é

2. Past participles of regular -ir verbs end in ...

i

3. Past participles of regular -re verbs end in ...

u

4. I help the mechanics =

J'aide les mécaniciens

5. I helped the mechanics =

J'ai aidé les  
mécaniciens

