

Spelling Change Verbs

All of these verbs end in –er endings (-e, -es, -e, -ons, -ez, -ent), but spelling changes happen in some of the forms.

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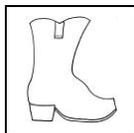
annoncer	<i>to announce</i>
avancer	<i>to advance</i>
commencer	<i>to begin</i>
divorcer	<i>to divorce</i>
effacer	<i>to erase</i>
lancer	<i>to launch</i>
menacer	<i>to threaten</i>
placer	<i>to place, invest</i>
prononcer	<i>to pronounce</i>
remplacer	<i>to replace</i>
renoncer	<i>to resign, quit</i>

-GER

aménager	<i>to fix up, convert (a room)</i>
arranger	<i>to arrange</i>
changer	<i>to change</i>
corriger	<i>to correct</i>
décourager	<i>to discourage</i>
déménager	<i>to move (change residence)</i>
déranger	<i>to bother, upset</i>
diriger	<i>to direct</i>
encourager	<i>to encourage</i>
manger	<i>to eat</i>
nager	<i>to swim</i>
partager	<i>to share</i>
plonger	<i>to dive</i>
ranger	<i>to put away</i>
rédigier	<i>to draft, write</i>
voyager	<i>to travel</i>

-YER

balayer	<i>to sweep</i>
effrayer	<i>to frighten</i>
employer	<i>to use</i>
ennuyer	<i>to bore</i>
envoyer	<i>to send</i>
essayer	<i>to try, try on</i>
essuyer	<i>to wipe</i>



nettoyer
payer
renvoyer
tutoyer
vouvoyer

to clean
to pay FOR
to send back, dismiss
to use “tu” talking to someone
to use “vous” talking to someone

E → È

acheter	<i>to buy</i>
amener	<i>to bring (someone)</i>
emmener	<i>to take (someone)</i>
enlever	<i>to remove, take off</i>
geler	<i>to freeze</i>
lever	<i>to pick up, raise</i>
mener	<i>to lead</i>
peser	<i>to weigh</i>
promener	<i>to walk</i>



Double Consonants in “Shoe”

appeler	<i>to call</i>
épeler	<i>to spell</i>
feuilleter	<i>to leaf through (book, etc)</i>
jeter	<i>to throw</i>
projeter	<i>to project, throw, plan</i>
rappeler	<i>to call back</i>
rejeter	<i>to reject</i>
renouveler	<i>to renew</i>



É → È

céder	<i>to yield</i>
célébrer	<i>to celebrate</i>
compléter	<i>to complete</i>
espérer	<i>to hope</i>
préférer	<i>to prefer</i>
protéger	<i>to protect</i>
réfléter	<i>to reflect</i>
répéter	<i>to repeat</i>
révéler	<i>to reveal</i>



Even though the meanings are all filled in (which happens in most college textbooks), you still need to spend time with these verbs to learn them.

Can you think of some good memory techniques?