



The future tense and conjunctions in Italian

Conjugating regular Italian verbs in the future tense

The future tense is actually relatively easy to learn. In essence all three conjugations have the same endings. The only difference is for IRE and ERE verbs you just drop the final E and add the endings but for the ARE verbs you drop the ARE then ad ER and the endings. This is illustrated below.

To illustrate how to conjugate these verbs, I like to use math equations as an example but first here are the conjugated endings for all regular verbs;

| Subject Pronoun | Ending |
|-----------------|--------|
| Io | ò |
| Tu | ai |
| Lui/Lei | à |
| Noi | emo |
| Voi | ete |
| Loro | anno |

To conjugate the regular ARE verbs in the future tense = infinitive verb – infinitive ending = verb stem + "er" + conjugated ending = conjugated verb. Example;

Parlare (To Speak) - are = Parl + er = Parler + emo (ending for we) = Parleremo (We will speak)

Parlare conjugated in the future tense

| | | |
|---------|------------|----------------------|
| Io | Parlerò | I will speak |
| Tu | Parlerai | You will speak |
| Lui/Lei | Parlerà | He/She/It will speak |
| Noi | Parleremo | We will speak |
| Voi | Parlerete | Y'all will speak |
| Loro | Parleranno | They will speak |

To conjugate the regular ERE verbs in the future tense = infinitive verb – the final "e" + conjugated ending = conjugated verb. Example;

leggere (To Read) - e = legger + emo (ending for we) = Leggeremo (We will read)

Leggere conjugated in the future tense

| | | |
|---------|------------|---------------------|
| Io | Leggerò | I will read |
| Tu | Leggerai | You will read |
| Lui/Lei | Leggerà | He/She/It will read |
| Noi | Leggeremo | We will read |
| Voi | Leggerete | Y'all will read |
| Loro | Leggeranno | They will read |



To conjugate the regular IRE verbs in the future tense = infinitive verb – the final "e" + conjugated ending = conjugated verb. Example;

vestire (To dress) - e = vestir + emo (ending for we) = Vestiremo (We will dress)

Vestire conjugated in the future tense

| | | |
|---------|------------|----------------------|
| Io | Vestirò | I will dress |
| Tu | Vestirai | You will dress |
| Lui/Lei | Vestirà | He/She/It will dress |
| Noi | Vestiremo | We will dress |
| Voi | Vestirete | Y'all will dress |
| Loro | Vestiranno | They will dress |

There are verbs in all three conjugations that have irregular stems that they use with the same endings. These verbs will be covered in another lesson.

Conjunctions o “le congiunzioni”

This is by no means an exhaustive list of words used as conjunctions but it is a good start!

| | |
|----------|----------------------------|
| e | and |
| o | or |
| se | if |
| ma | but |
| poi | then |
| quando | when |
| dopo che | after |
| dunque | therefore |
| perché | because |
| perciò | for this reason, therefore |
| però | however |
| poiche | since, seeing that |
| quindi | therefore, consequently |