

## Verb Drills 1 – Week 3 – Conjugating regular ERE Verbs in the present tense

Infinitive – “...A verb form that functions as a substantive while retaining certain verbal characteristics, such as modification by adverbs, and that in English may be preceded by to, as in To go willingly is to show strength or We want him to work...” 1

There are three main categories of Italian Verbs known as 1st, 2nd and 3rd conjugation. Here is the most obvious, initial difference;

1st Conjugation verbs are verbs that end with the letters ARE in the infinitive form.

2nd Conjugation verbs are verbs that end with the letters ERE in the infinitive form.

3rd Conjugation verbs are verbs that end with the letters IRE in the infinitive form.

(These ending are “Infinitive endings”)

To illustrate how to conjugate an ERE verb, I like to use a math equation as an example but first here are the conjugated endings for ERE verbs;

Subject Pronoun	Ending
Io	o
Tu	i
Lui/Lei	e
Noi	iamo
Voi	ete
Loro	ono

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To conjugate = infinitive verb – infinitive ending = verb stem + conjugated ending = conjugated verb. Example;  
**Vedere (To See) - ere = Ved + iamo (ending for we) = Vediamo (We see)**

Vedere conjugated in the present tense

Io	Vedo	I see
Tu	Vedi	You see
Lui/Lei	Vede	He/She/It sees
Noi	Vediamo	We see
Voi	Vedete	Y'all see
Loro	Vedono	They see

1 The definitions or portions thereof were taken from thefreedictionary.com