

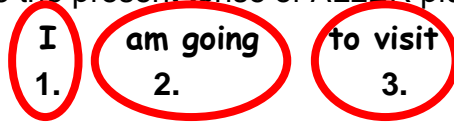
THE FUTURE TENSE IN FRENCH

(a.k.a. the near future or 'futur proche')

When to use it:

- when describing events that are going to happen in the future

RULE: To conjugate the near future tense, we use the present tense of ALLER plus the infinitive of the verb we need. Think of it as having 3 parts: **I** **am going** **to visit** my friends

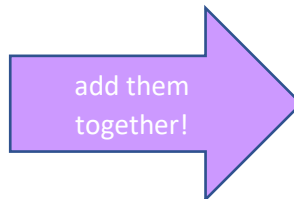


Here is the verb ALLER:

ENGLISH Subject pronoun	French Subject pronoun	ALLER to go
I	je	vais
you (sgl.)	tu	vas
he / she / we	il / elle / on	va
we	nous	allons
you (pl.)	vous	allez
they (m.) / (f.)	ils / elles	vont

EXAMPLE:

we want to say "I am going to watch a film"
Following the rule above; I am going = **je vais**
to watch = **regarder**



je vais regarder
un film

Check the 2nd verb is in the infinitive by looking at the ending: it should end in **-er -ir -re**

Je vais...	I am going...
regarder	to watch
écouter	to listen
manger	to eat
parler	to talk/speak
lire	to read
écrire	to write
faire	to do / make
aller	to go
rester	to stay
prendre	to take
acheter	to buy
chercher	to look for
trouver	to find
travailler	to work
finir	to finish
traverser	to cross (a road)
voir	to see
envoyer un texto	to send a text
boire du coca	to drink some Coke

Some key time phrases to use with this tense;

demain = tomorrow

l'année prochaine = next year

la semaine prochaine = next week

samedi prochain = next Saturday