*Passé composé* activities

## Activity 1

Categorise the following list into verbs that take *être* or *avoir* as their auxiliary in the past tense:

*aller, prendre, venir, vendre, partir, parler, manger, travailler, retourner, lire, arriver, voir, visiter, regarder, finir, attendre, chercher, tomber, monter, descendre, refléchir, faire, naître, marcher, tourner, rentrer, retourner, vendre.*

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| --- | --- |
| *être* | *avoir* |
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## Activity 2

From the list of verbs in the table above, identify which verbs have an irregular past participle. Write the infinitive form of the verb, its irregular past participle and whether it takes *être* or *avoir* as their auxiliary in the past tense.

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| Infinitive | Past participle | *être/avoir* |
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## Activity 3

Work in pairs for this activity. One of you will be Student A, and one will be Student B.

Translate your set of phrases (Student A set or Student B set) into French, using the verb given in brackets.

When you have finished, ensure you have:

* used the correct auxiliary
* checked the past participle (some are regular and some are irregular)
* added any necessary agreement.

Then swap with a partner and review their sentences, using the same process.

### Student A

|  |  |
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| I went (*aller*) |  |
| we made (*faire*) |  |
| she read (*lire*) |  |
| they were born (*naître*) |  |
| you (informal) took (*prendre*) |  |
| she left (*partir*) |  |

### Student B

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| --- | --- |
| they watched (*regarder*) |  |
| we finished (*finir*) |  |
| I returned (*retourner*) |  |
| you (formal) went down (*descendre*) |  |
| he turned (*tourner*) |  |
| they ate (*manger*) |  |

## For the teacher

### Activity 1

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *être* | *avoir* |
| *aller*  *venir*  *partir*  *retourner*  *arriver*  *tomber*  *monter*  *descendre*  *naître*  *rentrer*  *retourner* | *prendre*  *vendre*  *parler*  *manger*  *travailler*  *lire*  *voir*  *visiter*  *regarder*  *finir*  *attendre*  *chercher*  *vendre*  *marcher*  *tourner*  *refléchir*  *faire* |

### Activity 2

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Infinitive | Past participle | *être/avoir* |
| *prendre* | *pris* | *avoir* |
| *venir* | *venu* | *être* |
| *lire* | *lu* | *avoir* |
| *faire* | *fait* | *avoir* |
| *naître* | *né* | *être* |

### Activity 3

#### Student A

*je suis allé(e)*

*nous avons fait*

*elle a lu*

*ils sont nés*

*tu as pris*

*elle est partie*

#### Student B

*ils ont regardé*

*nous avons fini*

*je suis retourné(e)*

*vous êtes descendu(s)*

*il a tourné*

*ils ont mangé*

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