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Verbes

1.1 Verbes.guide

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1.3 Verbes.guide/Introduction

What is Ensemble Verbes?

Ensemble Verbes is a program to help students practise and master
French

verbs
in the most common
tenses
of the language. It is designed
to *support* classroom work, not to replace it.

1.4 Verbes.guide/Important information

Subjects

- * Nous and vous are always considered plural.
- * In the passé composé, all uses of je, tu, nous and vous are considered masculine.

Generic use of these pronouns will help in avoiding errors when the subject of the pronoun is unknown. There are also many examples with the subjects elle, ils and elles so that the agreement of past participles may be practised.

1.5 Verbes.guide/Verbs

Verbs in Ensemble Verbes

Ensemble Verbes contains 76 verbs. These verbs are split into sections by their conjugation forms:

- *
 - er verbs
 - *
 - ir verbs
 - *
 - re verbs
 - *
 - reflexive verbs
 - *
 - irregular verbs
- These 76 verbs represent both common and uncommon conjugations ↔
in

French. Once these verbs have been mastered, a student should have the ability to use all French verbs.

1.6 Verbes.guide/ER Verbs

List of -er verbs

'acheter'
to buy

'appeler'
to call

`commencer'
to begin

`écouter'
to listen (to)

`jeter'
to throw

`jouer'
to play

`lever'
to stand, to get up

`manger'
to eat

`menacer'
to threaten

`parler'
to speak, to talk

`peser'
to weigh

`retourner'
to return

1.7 Verbes.guide/IR Verbs

List of -ir verbs

`choisir'
to choose

`finir'
to finish

`grandir'
to grow (tall), to grow up, to increase

`maigrir'
to grow thin

`obéir'
to obey

`réussir'
to succeed, to pass

1.8 Verbes.guide/RE Verbs

List of -re verbs

`attendre'

to wait, to wait for

`descendre'

to go down, to come down, to descend

`entendre'

to hear

`perdre'

to lose

`répondre'

to answer, to reply

`vendre'

to sell

1.9 Verbes.guide/Reflexive Verbs

List of reflexive verbs

`s'amuser'

to have a good time, to enjoy oneself

`s'appeler'

to call oneself, to be named

`se brosser'

to brush

`s'habiller'

to get dressed

`se reposer'

to rest, to relax

`se réveiller'

to wake up

`se sentir'

to feel

`se taire'

to be quiet

1.10 Verbes.guide/Irregular Verbs

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`aller`

to go

`apparaître`

to appear

`avoir`

to have

`battre`

to hit

`boire`

to drink

`commettre`

to commit

`comprendre`

to understand

`conduire`

to drive

`connaître`

to know (someone)

`construire`

to build

`courir`

to run

`craindre`

to be afraid of

`croire`

to believe, to think

`devoir`

to have to, should

`dire`

to say

`dormir`

to sleep

`écrire`

to write

'être'	to be
'faire'	to do, to make
'lire'	to read
'mentir'	to lie
'mettre'	to show
'mourir'	to die
'obtenir'	to get, to obtain
'offrir'	to offer
'ouvrir'	to open
'partir'	to leave, to go away
'plaire'	to please (someone)
'pouvoir'	can, to be able
'préférer'	to prefer
'prendre'	to take
'recevoir'	to receive
'répéter'	to repeat
'rire'	to laugh
'savoir'	to know (something)
'sentir'	to smell

`servir'	to serve
`sortir'	to go out, to leave
`suivre'	to follow
`tenir'	to hold
`venir'	to come
`vivre'	to live
`voir'	to see
`vouloir'	to want, to wish for

1.11 Verbes.guide/Tenses

Tenses in Ensemble Verbes

Ensemble Verbes deals with seven tenses, the most commonly used in French. These include:

- * présent
- * passé composé
- * imparfait
- * futur
- * conditionnel
- * présent du subjonctif
- * participe présent

Note that the participe présent is not strictly a tense, but it is a very common conjugation form.

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1.13 Verbes.guide/Project

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1.14 Verbes.guide/Settings

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1.16 Verbes.guide/Preferences Gadgets

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	Saves the current setup
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Practice	Uses the current setup for practice
Test	Uses the current setup for test
Cancel	Quits the program

1.17 Verbes.guide/Test Gadgets

Test Gadgets	

Answer	Enter your answer
Accent Gadgets	Insert an accent
Next Question	Go to the next question
Quit	Quit practice or test

1.18 Verbes.guide/New

'Project/New' clears the current verb and tense selections, resets the number of questions to zero, and clears the student's name. This is generally used when a different student begins to use the program.

If the current selections have not been saved, a requester will appear, verifying the operation.

1.19 Verbes.guide/Open...

'Project/Open...' replaces the current verb and tense selections, number of questions and student name with the settings previously saved via

Project/Save

or

Project/Save As...

. A standard file requester will open, allowing the student to choose any file available.

If the current selections have not been saved, a requester will appear, verifying the operation.

1.20 Verbes.guide/Save

'Project/Save' and the 'Save' gadget save the current settings (verb

and tense selections, number of questions and student name) in the file that is currently in use. If a filename has not been previously given, a file requester will open (see

Project/Save As...

). The file may be

opened for use later using the

Project/Open...

menu item.

1.21 Verbes.guide/Save As...

'Project/Save As...' saves the current settings under a (possibly

new) name. A standard file requester will open, allowing the student to type in or select a filename. The file may be opened for use later using the

Project/Open...

menu item.

1.22 Verbes.guide/About...

'Project/About...' opens a window containing program and version information. When reporting bugs or commenting on the program, please include the information found here.

1.23 Verbes.guide/Quit

'Project/Quit' and the 'Cancel' gadget quit Ensemble Verbes. If the current selections have not been saved, a requester will appear, verifying the operation.

1.24 Verbes.guide/Create_Icons

When checked, 'Settings/Create Icons' tells Ensemble Verbes to
 save
 icons with its data files; when unchecked, it will not.

If 'Settings/Create Icons' is unchecked and
 Settings/Save Settings
 is selected, the
 NOICONS
 tooltype will be added to the Ensemble Verbes
 icon.

1.25 Verbes.guide/FixedSize

If 'Settings/Fixed String Size' is unchecked, Ensemble Verbes
 will
 provide a subtle hint to the correct answer by making the gadget used
 to enter verb forms the *exact* size that it needs to be for the
 correct answer. When it is checked, a fixed-size gadget will be used
 no matter what the length of the correct answer.

If 'Settings/Fixed String Size' is checked and

 Settings/Save Settings
 is selected, the
 FIXESIZE
 tooltype will be
 added to the Ensemble Verbes icon.

1.26 Verbes.guide/Sounds

Sounds

 Correct...

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1.27 Verbes.guide/Save_Settings

'Settings/Save Settings' saves the current states of

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 ,
 Settings/Fixed String Size
 ,
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 in the

Ensemble Verbes icon. This makes them the initial settings.

1.28 Verbes.guide/Correct...

'Settings/Sounds/Correct...' lets the student select a sound to ↔
 play
 when he/she enters a correct answer.

The

CORRECTSOUND
 tooltype will be added to all saved icons if a
 sound is used. The sound may be made the default by selecting

Settings/Save Settings
 .

1.29 Verbes.guide/Incorrect...

'Settings/Sounds/Inorrect...' lets the student select a sound ↔
 to play
 when he/she enters an incorrect answer.

The

INCORRECTSOUND
 tooltype will be added to all saved icons if a
 sound is used. The sound may be made the default by selecting

Settings/Save Settings
.

1.30 Verbes.guide/Verb_Gadgets

These gadgets allow a student to select -er, -ir, -re, reflexive or irregular verbs from a list. The cycle gadgets will let the student easily select every verb in a particular list ('All') or remove all currently-selected verbs that belong to that list ('None'). (They will display 'Selected' when some of the verbs in a list are chosen.) The last gadget allows the student to see all of the selected verbs; any that are not wanted may be removed by selecting them individually.

1.31 Verbes.guide/Tense_Gadgets

These gadgets allow the student to select any combination of Ensemble Verbes' seven tenses
.

1.32 Verbes.guide/Name

This gadget is used for the student's name. It will be used in congratulatory messages; it will also appear at the beginning of any saved or printed test files.

1.33 Verbes.guide/Num_questions

These gadgets allow the student to select the number of questions for a practice or test.

1.34 Verbes.guide/Review

Review current list of verbs in currently-selected tenses.

1.35 Verbes.guide/Practice

Practice using current verb list and selected tenses.

1.36 Verbes.guide/Test

Test using current verb list and selected tenses.

1.37 Verbes.guide/Verb_String

This gadget has a box in which the student enters an answer for the current question. It also allows the student to get help during a practice, simply by pressing the Help key.

1.38 Verbes.guide/Select_Accent

These gadgets allow the student to insert an accent into the answer gadget at the current cursor position. They may also show the keystrokes required to type the indicated accent.

1.39 Verbes.guide/Next_Question

Press this button to go to the next question.

1.40 Verbes.guide/Quit_Test

Press this button at any time to quit the current practice or test. Your mark will be based on the number of questions completed.

1.41 Verbes.guide/ToolTypes

Icon ToolTypes

Most ToolTypes may be set directly through the Workbench's 'Icon/Information...' menu or from inside the program. Currently, 'PUBSCREEN' must be set from the Workbench; only in a special case (noted below) can it be set from Ensemble Verbes.

'CORRECTSOUND='<path to IFF sound file>''

'CORRECTSOUND' specifies the full path to a sound to use for a correct answer. It may be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Sounds/Correct...
menu item.

'FIXEDSIZE'

If 'FIXEDSIZE' is specified, Ensemble Verbes will fix the size of the

answer gadget

. By default, Ensemble Verbes changes the gadget width to give a subtle hint to the answer. It may be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Fixed String Size?
menu item.

'FONTNAME='.font''

An alternate font name may be specified with this tooltype. The name must include the '.font' suffix. The 'FONTSIZE' tooltype must also be specified; otherwise it has no effect.

'FONTSIZE='''

This tooltype allows the selection of a particular font size when the 'FONTNAME' is specified. Otherwise it has no effect.

'INCORRECTSOUND='<path to IFF sound file>''

'INCORRECTSOUND' specifies the full path to a sound to use for an incorrect answer. It may be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Sounds/Incorrect...
menu item.

'KEYMAP='<path to keymap file>''

This ToolType takes a complete path to an alternate keymap file, e.g. 'DEVS:keymaps/cdn' or 'KEYMAPS:usa2'. The keymap is *not* used for menu shortcuts.

'LANGUAGE='<language>''

'LANGUAGE' specifies the language to be used for all text in the program. The name of the language should be given in that language; for example, French would be given as 'français'.

'NOICONS'

If 'NOICONS' is specified, Ensemble Verbes will not save icons with verb files. By default, Ensemble Verbes saves icons. May be set

inside the program by selecting the
Settings/Create Icons?
menu
item.

`'PUBSCREEN=<public screen name>'`

`'PUBSCREEN'` specifies the public screen on which Ensemble Verbes will attempt to open. If not specified, Ensemble Verbes will attempt to open on the default public screen (usually Workbench), then on a public screen named `'VERBES.1'`. If specified, Ensemble Verbes will attempt to open on the named public screen, creating it if necessary; if unable to open there, Ensemble Verbes will default to `'VERBES.1'`.

If Ensemble Verbes is forced to open on a public screen, the name of this screen will be saved whenever
Settings/Save Settings
is
chosen.

1.42 Verbes.guide/Command Line Options

Command Line Options

The command line options follow the same format as
ToolTypes
.

`'CORRECTSOUND'`

`'CORRECTSOUND'` specifies the full path to a sound to use for a correct answer. It may be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Sounds/Correct...
menu item.

`'FIXEDSIZE'`

If `'FIXEDSIZE'` is specified, Ensemble Verbes will fix the size of the

answer gadget

. By default, Ensemble Verbes changes the gadget width to give a subtle hint to the answer. It may be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Fixed String Size?
menu item.

`'FONTNAME'`

An alternate font name may be specified with this parameter. The name must include the `'.font'` suffix. The `'FONTSIZE'` parameter must also be specified; otherwise it has no effect.

`'FONTSIZE'`

This parameter allows the selection of a particular font size when

the 'FONTNAME' is specified. Otherwise it has no effect.

'FROM'

The file specified will be used as the initial settings for Ensemble Verbes.

'INCORRECTSOUND'

'INCORRECTSOUND' specifies the full path to a sound to use for a correct answer. It may be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Sounds/Correct...
menu item.

'KEYMAP'

This parameter takes a complete path to an alternate keymap file, e.g. 'DEVS:keymaps/cdn' or 'KEYMAPS:usa2'. The keymap is *not* used for menu shortcuts.

'LANGUAGE'

'LANGUAGE' specifies the language to be used for all text in the program. The name of the language should be given in that language; for example, French would be given as 'français'.

'NOICONS'

If 'NOICONS' is specified, Ensemble Verbes will not save icons with verb files. By default, Ensemble Verbes saves icons. May be set inside the program by selecting the

Settings/Create Icons?
menu item.

'PUBSCREEN'

'PUBSCREEN' specifies the public screen on which Ensemble Verbes will attempt to open. If not specified, Ensemble Verbes will attempt to open on the default public screen (usually Workbench), then on a public screen named 'VERBES.1'. If specified, Ensemble Verbes will attempt to open on the named public screen, creating it if necessary; if unable to open there, Ensemble Verbes will default to 'VERBES.1'.

If Ensemble Verbes is forced to open on a public screen, the name of this screen will be saved whenever

Settings/Save Settings
is

chosen.

1.43 Verbes.guide/Common Problems

Common Problems

The accented characters don't show up, or appear as boxes.
Your chosen font does not have a definition for the accented characters. Choose another that does. If you do not want to

change your system settings, use the
FONTNAME
and
FONTSIZE
ToolTypes to select a font for Ensemble Verbes to use.

Ensemble Verbes doesn't use the font I specified.
Make sure that you have the font name spelled out exactly, in exact case, and that you have included the '.font' suffix. Verify that you have specified both
FONTNAME
and
FONTSIZE
.

Ensemble Verbes doesn't open on the default public screen.
Ensure that you have not specified a
PUBSCREEN
parameter.
If you have specified
FONTNAME
and
FONTSIZE
, be sure that the font
will fit on the screen. Try reducing
FONTSIZE
.

Gadgets do not adapt correctly to my default font.
There is a problem with some fonts that are incorrectly defined; hence, Ensemble Verbes has no way to determine the correct sizes. You must use the
FONTNAME
and
FONTSIZE
ToolTypes to
specify an alternate font.

Menu and gadget text is not in the language I wanted.
You should have the ToolType
LANGUAGE
to the language you want, in
that language. For example, French may be selected by specifying
'LANGUAGE=français'.
Be sure that 'Verbes.catalog' is present in either
'Catalogs/<language>' or 'LOCALE:Catalogs/<language>'. The
'Install_Verbes' script may be used to install additional languages automatically.

1.44 Verbes.guide/History

Revision History

Version 1.6

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- * Fixed install scripts
- * New Swedish catalog

Version 1.5

Released November 14, 1995

- * Fixed crash when using Prop3D
- * New Italian catalog
- * New e-mail address

Version 1.4

Released May 8, 1995

- * Fixed Tense: field in test and practice

Version 1.3

Released March 28, 1995

- * New Spanish and Norwegian catalogs
- * Gadget and menu shortcuts now localized

Version 1.2

Released March 16, 1994

- * New French catalogs

Version 1.1

Released January 1, 1994

Initial release.

1.45 Verbes.guide/Credits

Credits

Ensemble Verbes has gone through many major phases since its first implementation (on MS-DOS compatible computers). The program has been almost completely rewritten and contains many enhancements.

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1.46 Verbes.guide/Contacting the Author

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Please be sure to include your computer's hardware setup, running
software and complete instructions telling how to duplicate any
problems.

Also, please contact the author if you are interested in German and
Spanish versions of Ensemble Verbes, or the MS-DOS version.

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