Verbs ending in “ER”

A verb is an action word. A lot of verbs end in “ER” in French. (parler=to speak, danser=to danse, nager=to swim). This form of the verb is called the infinitive. In order to conjugate the verb we take off the “ER” and we are left with the stem of the verb.

Parler

To speak

Present tense

Je parle = I speak

Tu parles = You speak

Il/Elle parle = He/She speaks

Nous parlons = We speak

Vous parlez = You speak (plural form or showing respect)

Ils/Elles parlent = They speak

Parler = to speak jouer = to play

Marcher = to walk chanter = to sing

Écouter = to listen danser = to danse

Visiter = to visit acheter = to buy

Travailler = to work sauter = to jump

Donner = to give préparer = to prepare

Couper = to cut porter = to wear

Regarder = to look (at) étudier = to study