

# Passé Composé Cheat Sheet

avoir			
Je		Nous	
Tu		Vous	
Il/Elle		Ils	

Le passé composé is the way to express the **past tense** in French. In English we say “I have studied for my test”. The same logic applies to French, “J’ai étudié pour mon examen.” The structure is as follows:

## AVOIR (conjugated) + PAST PARTICIPLE

### *What is a past participle?*

*For regular verbs:*

**-ER:** you simply drop the –er and add an **é**

**Ex:** J’ai travaillé

**-IR:** you simply drop the –ir and add an **i**

**Ex:** Nous avons fini

**-RE:** you simply drop the –re and add a **u**

**Ex:** Elles ont attendu

### *Helpful Vocabulary:*

Hier – yesterday

samedi dernier – last Saturday

avant – before

après – after

pendant – during

d’abord – first

ensuite – then

finalement – finally

enfin – at last

déjà – already

ne....jamais - never

*How do you put the passé composé in the negative?*

## ne + AVOIR (conjugated) + pas + PAST PARTICIPLE