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## German: Verb Forms

### Regular Verbs:

Most German verbs take the following endings:

ich	-e	wir	-en
du	-st	ihr	-t
er/sie/es	-t	sie/Sie	-en

To use a verb correctly in a sentence, follow these three easy steps:

<i>Step</i>	<i>Example</i>
1. Select a verb.	spielen = to play
2. Drop the -en ending.	spiel
3. Add ending from chart above.	Ich spiele. = I play.

### Irregular Verbs:

Irregular verbs are those which do not follow the pattern outlined above. Constant and frequent use of these verbs while the language was evolving prevented their transition to a regularized form.

Here are some examples of irregular verb forms:

#### sein - to be

ich	bin
du	bist
er/sie/es	ist
wir	sind
ihr	seid
sie/Sie	sind

#### haben - to have

ich	habe
du	hast
er/sie/es	hat
wir	haben
ihr	habt
sie/Sie	haben

It is easiest simply to memorize the forms of the irregular verbs and use them in sentences.

### Examples:

Ich bin Amerikaner. (I am an American.)

Wir haben Freunde. (We have friends.)

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