

**Le Passé Composé:** You use this to say some specific action happened in the past. (Examples: I **ate** a bar, we **watched** t.v., he **danced**, etc.)

***How do you use it?*** -- You need 2 verbs...a “helper” verb plus another verb in the past form.

- The helper verb is usually some form of AVOIR.
- ER verbs end in “ é ” , IR verbs end in “ i ” , and RE verbs end in “ u ” .

Examples: J'**ai** mangé, il **a** fini, nous **avons** attendu, etc.

For the negative, just put **NE** *before* the helper verb, and **PAS** *after* it (ne...pas sandwich).

Examples: Je **n' ai pas** mangé, Il **n' a pas** fini, etc.

**Note!** A FEW VERBS ARE WEIRD, AND HAVE THEIR OWN SPECIAL SPELLING IN THE PAST. THREE OF THESE ARE:

Voir ( to see) – vu

Être ( to be) – été

Avoir ( to have) – eu

For example: J' ai **vu** Avatar. = I saw Avatar.

Vous avez **eu** un accident. = You had an accident.