

	Singular	Plural
First person	-e	-en
Second person	-st	-t
Third person	-t	-en

Thus the fully conjugated present tense of **denken** is:

ich denke	wir denken
du denkst	ihr denkt
er } denkt	sie denken
sie }	
es }	Sie denken

Note: Since the same personal ending is used for **er**, **sie**, and **es**, all conjugations presented in this book will list only **er** (third person singular masculine). Similarly, **Sie** (the form for "you" formal) will not be listed separately since it takes the same personal ending as **sie** (they).

Note on personal endings

In informal conversational German the **-e** ending of the first person is often dropped.

Ich tu' das nie.	<i>I never do that.</i>
Ich glaub' nicht.	<i>I don't think so</i>
Ich geh' nach Hause.	<i>I'm going home.</i>

Note: There is only one present tense form in German. Thus the three forms of the present tense in English, *I think*, *I do think*, and *I am thinking*, are all translated with **ich denke**.

Below are some examples of present tense verbs used in sentences.

Wir kaufen einen Wagen.	<i>We are buying a car.</i>
Er singt zu laut.	<i>He is singing too loudly.</i>
Ich kenne den Mann.	<i>I know the man.</i>
Sagst du die Wahrheit?	<i>Are you telling the truth?</i>
Sie studieren Englisch.	<i>They study English.</i>
Trinkt ihr nichts?	<i>Aren't you drinking anything?</i>
Suchen Sie den Hund?	<i>Are you looking for the dog?</i>

The following is a list of a number of weak and strong verbs whose infinitives end in **-en**. They form their present tense according to the pattern just described. Note that the weak verbs ending in **-ieren** also belong to this group.

bauen	<i>to build</i>	brennen	<i>to burn</i>
beginnen	<i>to begin</i>	bringen	<i>to bring</i>
bellen	<i>to bark</i>	buchstabieren	<i>to spell</i>
besichtigen	<i>to view</i>	danken	<i>to thank</i>
bestellen	<i>to order</i>	denken	<i>to think</i>
besuchen	<i>to visit</i>	drehen	<i>to turn</i>
bezahlen	<i>to pay</i>	empfangen	<i>to receive</i>
bleiben	<i>to stay</i>	empfehlen	<i>to recommend</i>
brauchen	<i>to need</i>	entdecken	<i>to discover</i>