You were briefly introduced to the verb prendre in a previous topic, when you learned how to order in a restaurant. Prendre is an irregular verb, meaning that it is not part of one of the three main verb groups in the French language. There are several other verbs that conjugate just like prendre, the only difference is the prefix.
Similarly Conjugated Verbs

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Here is the conjugation of the verb *prendre*. Click each conjugation to hear the correct pronunciation.

- je prends
- tu prends
- il prend
- elle prend
- nous prenons
- vous prenez
- ils prennent
- elles prennent
Conclusion

Once you have practiced and memorized the conjugation of prendre, all you will need to do is add com-, app-, or sur- to the beginning of it and you will have four new verbs to use.

Comprendre
Apprendre
Surprendre