

## Agreement of Past Participle

Study the rules below. Then create your own flowchart of the Rules of Agreement of the Past Participle using the *Inspiration* software.

### Verbs Conjugated with Avoir

**Rule:** Past participle agrees with the *preceding direct object*, if there is one. If there is not, there is no agreement.

**Ex:** Jean a oublié ses chaussettes. (*no agreement*)  
Jean les a oubliées. (*agrees w/ dir. obj.*)

**Exceptions:** None

### Verbs Conjugated with Etre

**Rule:** Past participle agrees with the subject.

**Ex:** Alice et sa soeur sont parties. (*agrees w/ subject*)

**Exceptions:** None

**Note:** The 5 **être** verbs listed below may take direct objects. *If they do*, they are conjugated with **avoir**, and therefore follow the rules for **avoir** verbs.

**monter    descendre    sortir    rentrer    retourner**

**Ex:** Jeannine est montée. (*agrees w/ subject*)  
Jeannine a monté l'escalier. (*conj. w/ avoir; direct object after verb; no agreement*)

### Reflexive (Reciprocal) Verbs

**Rule:** Always conjugated with **être**. Past participle agrees with reflexive pronoun *if it is the direct object* (which it normally is.)

**Ex:** Les filles se sont réveillées de bonne heure. (*agrees w/ reflexive pronoun*)

**Exceptions:** There are two types of sentences in which the reflexive pronoun *is not* the direct object. In both cases, there is *no agreement*.

**Ex 1:** Claire s'est lavé les cheveux. (*direct object after the verb; reflexive pronoun is indirect obj; no agreement*)

**Ex 2 (reciprocal verb):** Nous nous sommes écrit. (*reflexive pronoun is indirect object; no agreement*)

Prénom \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Agreement of Past Participle Sample Sentences

**Test your flowchart using the sample sentences below. Complete the sentences with the appropriate auxiliary and agreement of the past participle (if necessary.)**

1. Elise et Renée se \_\_\_\_\_ levé\_\_\_\_\_ très tôt ce matin.
2. Gisèle \_\_\_\_\_ sorti\_\_\_\_\_ avec ses copains ce week-end.
3. Jules et Jim \_\_\_\_\_ venu\_\_\_\_\_ me voir à l'hôpital.
4. Juliette \_\_\_\_\_ vu\_\_\_\_\_ sa soeur au café avec Luc.
5. La serviette? Non, je ne l' \_\_\_\_\_ pas pris\_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Le porteur \_\_\_\_\_ monté\_\_\_\_\_ les valises.
7. Les amies se \_\_\_\_\_ écrit\_\_\_\_\_ beaucoup de lettres.
8. Les mains? Oui, je me les \_\_\_\_\_ lavé\_\_\_\_\_ .
9. Nos passeports? Oui, nous les \_\_\_\_\_ sorti\_\_\_\_\_ .
10. Nous \_\_\_\_\_ monté\_\_\_\_\_ au deuxième étage.
11. Paul et Guillaume se \_\_\_\_\_ vu\_\_\_\_\_ au Gymnase Club.
12. Tu as parlé à Claude? Oui, je lui \_\_\_\_\_ parlé\_\_\_\_\_ ce matin.
13. Yvonne s(e) \_\_\_\_\_ foulé\_\_\_\_\_ la cheville.