VERB CONJUGATION RULES

**INTRODUCTION:** The real essence of the Japanese language is the verb. There are three groups of verbs.

Group 1 = verbs are those (u) - dropping

Group 2 = are those (ru) - dropping

Group 3 = are those irregular verbs.

**BASIC RULES**

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| Conjugation | VERBS | | |
| Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 |
| Dictionary Form/ Plain Form (Present) Affirmative | a  i  u  e  o | V - masu + ru | V shimasu = V- suru  kimasu = kuru |
| Plain Form (Present) Negative  (~ will not) | a  i  u  e  o | V - masu + nai | V shimasu = V- shinai  kimasu = konai |
| ~ te Form | i  V – chi tte  ri | V - masu + te | V shimasu = V- shite  kimasu = kite |
| ni  V – bi nde  mi |
| V – ki ite  V – gi ide |
| Plain Form (Past)  Affirmative  ~ta form (~had) | i  V – chi tta  ri | V - masu + ta | V shimasu = V- shita  kimasu = kita |
| ni  V – bi nda  mi |
| V – ki ita  V – gi ida |
| Plain Form (Past)  Negative ~nakatta form (~had not) | a  i  u + nakatta  e  o | V – masu + nakatta | V shimasu =  V - shikatta  Kimasu = konakatta |

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| Polite Form  (Present)  Affirmative | V masu | V masu | V shimasu  kimasu |
| Polite Form  (Present)  Negative | V masen | V masen | V shimasen  kimasen |
| Polite Form  (Past)  Affirmative | V mashita | V mashita | V shimashita  kimashita |
| Polite Form  (Past)  Affirmative | V masendeshita | V masendeshita | V shimasendeshita  kimasendeshita |