Le futur, le conditionnel et l'imparfait

The <u>future</u> tense expresses what WILL happen. *Je danserai à la fête.*
I will dance at the party.

The future endings:

je = ai	nous = ons	**To form the future**, put these endings
tu = as	vous = ez	onto the infinitive or the irregular future stem.
il, elle, on = a	ils, elles, = ont	For -re verbs, drop the -e from the infinitive.

Irregular future stems:

être – ser	tenir - tiendr	pouvoir – pourr	acheter – achèter..
faire – fer	venir - viendr	voir – verr	amener – amèner..
aller – ir	vouloir - voudr	devoir – devr	appeler – appeller..
avoir – aur	courir – courr	recevoir – recevr	jeter – jeter..
savoir – saur	envoyer – enverr	pleuvoir - pleuvr	il faut – il faudra
	mourir – mourr		il y a – il y aura

The <u>conditional</u> tense tells what one WOULD do, although it may not be possible.
J'aimerais voyager en France cet été. I would like to travel to France this summer.
The conditional is mostly used in "Si clause" sentences to express an action that has not
yet taken place and depends on other circumstances before it can take place.

The conditional endings:

je = ais	nous = ions	**To form the conditional,** put these endings
tu = ais	vous = iez	onto the infinitive or the irregular future stem.
il, elle, on = ait	ils, elles, = aient	

**The stem for the conditional is the same as for the future, and the endings are the same
as for the imperfect.

**The <u>imperfect</u> tense expresses what USED TO happen, DESCRIPTIONS and STATE OF
BEING. It can also translated as WAS/WERE+ <u>VERB*ING*</u>**
*J'allais souvent à la piscine quand j'étais jeune. I used to go to the pool when I was
young*. Do not confuse this with what you *would* (as in *used to*) do.
    I "would" often go to the pool when I was young. = used to go = imperfect tense

The imperfect endings:

je = ais	nous = ions	**To form the imperfect**, drop the –ons ending
tu = ais	vous = iez	of the *present tense <u>Nous</u>* form and add these
il, elle, on = ait	ils, elles = aient	endings.

Être is the only French verb that has an irregular stem in the imperfect: être = ét..