

Active Verb Endings

In Latin, you can always use a verb's endings to determine the **subject** of the verb.

These endings are known as the **personal** endings, because they tell you whether a verb is 1st person (I/we), 2nd person (you), or 3rd person (he/she/it/they).

The personal endings for the present/imperfect/pluperfect/future/future perfect tenses are:

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	ō/m	mus
2nd Person	s	tis
3rd Person	t	nt

The personal endings for the **perfect** tense are:

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	ī	imus
2nd Person	istī	istis
3rd Person	it	ērunt

The Imperfect Tense

In Latin, the word *imperfectus* means **incomplete**. Therefore, the imperfect tense always refers to an incomplete action in the past.

The imperfect tense always contains the letters **ba**, followed by the personal endings.

We translate the imperfect tense with **was/were** _____ **ing**.

The Future Tense

A future action refers to an action that has not yet happened. The future tense forms differently depending on the **Conjugation** of the verb.

1st/2nd Conjugation (āre & ēre)	3rd/4th Conjugation (ere & īre)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Similar to imperfect tense• Always contains the letter b<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Usually bi	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Similar to present tense• Contains the treacherous e where there would normally be an i or u

We usually translate the future tense as **will** _____.

The Perfect Tense

In Latin, the word *perfectus* means **complete**. Therefore, the perfect tense always refers to a completed action in the past.

The perfect tense is always formed from the **3rd** principal part of the verb.

Four letters that are often (**but not always!**) toward the end of the perfect tense verbs are **v**, **x**, **s**, and **u**.

We usually translate the perfect tense as _____ **ed** (simple past translation).

The Pluperfect Tense

In Latin, the word *plus* means **more**. Therefore, the pluperfect tense always refers to an action in the past that is **more complete** than a perfect tense action. Pluperfect verbs are *more past* than perfect verbs.

The pluperfect tense is always formed from the **3rd** principal part of the verb.

Pluperfect verbs **always** have the letters **era** in them.

We usually translate the pluperfect tense as **had** _____ **ed**.

The Future Perfect Tense

The future perfect tense refers to an action that has not yet happened, but it is **more complete** than a normal future action. The future perfect tense is the least common tense in the Latin language.

The future perfect tense is always formed from the **3rd** principal part of the verb.

Future perfect verbs generally have the letters **eri** in them.

We usually translate the future perfect tense as **will have** _____ **ed**.