

Future Indicative

The future tense is used to describe any action that has yet to happen in the future.

- Future Active verbs are translated as **will** _____.
- Future Passive verbs are translated as **will be** _____ **ed**.

In Latin, the future tense is formed **2** different ways. The way we form the future tense depends on the **conjugation** of the verb.

3rd/4th Conjugation Verbs

In the future tense, 3rd and 4th conjugation verbs look a lot like **present** tense verbs. 3rd/4th conjugation verbs normally use the letter **i** as their thematic vowel for present tense endings, but in the future tense, they switch the vowel to the letter **e**. Any verb whose 1st principal part ends in **-iō** or **-ior** will retain the letter **i** before the thematic vowel (just like the imperfect tense).

- But when the subject is **I**, the future tense ends uses **a** as its thematic vowel. (**-am** for **active** or **-ar** for **passive**). N.B. This ending is identical to the present subjunctive (Let's beat that **giant**!)

Stem + **e or ie** + **personal ending**
ie for 3rd -iō and 4th Conjugation
 Can be active or passive

Examples:

he will run <i>currō, -ere, cucurrī</i>	curr <i>curre</i>	+	e <i>3rd</i>	+	t <i>he</i>	= curret
you will drag <i>trahō, -ere, traxī, tractus</i>	trah <i>trahere</i>	+	e <i>3rd</i>	+	s <i>you</i>	= trahēs
they will kill <i>interficiō, -ere, -fēcī, -fectus</i>	interfic <i>interficere</i>	+	ie <i>3rd -iō</i>	+	ntur <i>they</i>	= interficient
I will come <i>veniō, -īre, vēnī, ventus</i>	ven <i>venire</i>	+	ia <i>veniō (4th; I-subject)</i>	+	m <i>I</i>	= veniam

The Treacherous E!

If you do not know the conjugation of a verb, be on your guard whenever you see an **e** in the ending of your verbs! Keep in mind:

- If the verb is **2nd** conjugation, then it will be **present** tense.
- If the verb is **3rd/4th** conjugation, it will be **future** tense.

Examples:

2nd Conjugation (Present)	3rd/4th Conjugation (Future)
vid e t (he sees)	aud i t (he will hear)
mov e mus (we move)	curre i mus (we will run)
hab e nt (they have)	surg e nt (they will rise)