

## PASSIVE PERIPHRASTIC, DATIVE OF AGENT

### Passive Periphrastic Conjugation

- a passive verb form made up of the future passive participle (gerundive) and a form of sum.
- the gerundive acts as a predicate adjective, agreeing in case, number, and gender with the subject
- conveys an idea of necessity, obligation or appropriate action
- use the following helping words when translating in accordance with its tense: *has to be, had to be, will have to be, should, ought, must*

Ex.      Id faciendum est.      Id faciendum erat.      Id faciendum erit.  
It must/ought/has to be done.    It should have/had to be done.    It will have/has to be done.

### Dative of Agent

- instead of an ablative of personal agent, a dative of agent is used with the passive periphrastic to indicate by whom the action was done
- when translating, it is often best to transform the sentence into an active clause – make the dative of agent the subject and the subject of the passive periphrastic into the direct object

Ex.      Id **militibus** faciendum est.  
It must be done **by the soldiers**. (or) The soldiers must do it.