

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.