

Latin Verb Study Guide

Verbs

- Words which express ACTION or BEING
- Belong to families called CONJUGATIONS
- Each verb has SIX attributes (My Very Tired Cat Nibbles and Purrs)
 - **Mood**
 - **Indicative:** states a FACT. (The baby drinks milk).
 - **Imperative:** gives a COMMAND or expresses a plea (Say your prayers everyday. Jesus, help me!)
 - **Subjunctive:** suggests UNCERTAINTY, often expressed as a wish, desire, doubt or hope, as in: "I wish I were sleepy." or, *Requiescat in pace.* (May (s)he rest in peace.)
 - **Voice**
 - **Active:** the SUBJECT does the action (MARTHA *hit* the wall with a dart).
 - **Passive:** the subject is ACTED UPON (Martha *was hit* by a DART).
 - **Tense**
 - **Present System**
 - **Present:** action happening here and now
 - **Tense indicator:** **None**
 - **Tense formation:** *present form of verb*
 - **Tense formation in LATIN:** **root + PE (o, s, t, mus, tis, nt)**
 - *Martha walks; Marta ambulat.*
 - **Imperfect:** used to indicate an action that took place in the past but was an ongoing action (rather than something that happened just once).
 - **Tense formation :** *was/were + verbing;*
 - **Tense indicator:** **BA**
 - **Tense formation in LATIN:** **root + BA + PE (o, s, t...)**
 - *Martha was walking; Marta ambulabat.*
 - **Future:** action which hasn't happened yet (*will, shall*)
 - **Tense Indicator:** **BI**
 - **Tense formation:** *will/shall + verb*
 - **Tense formation in LATIN:** **root + BI +PE (o, s, t...)**
 - *Martha will walk; Marta ambulabit.*

▪ Perfect System

- **Perfect:** expresses a COMPLETED ONE-TIME action
 - **Tense Indicator:** V
 - **Tense formation:** verb**ED** or **HAVE/HAS** verb**ED**
 - **Tense formation in LATIN:** root + V + **PPE** (i, isti, it, imus, istis, erunt)
 - *Martha has walked = Marta ambulavit.*
- **Pluperfect:** expresses PAST action BEFORE another PAST action
 - **Tense Indicator:** V
 - **Tense formation in English:** **HAD** + verb**ed**
 - **Tense formation in LATIN:** root + v + **imperfect of sum, esse** (eram, eras, erat...)
 - *Martha had washed Jesus' feet (before He died). Marta amayerat.*
- **Future Perfect:** expresses FUTURE action BEFORE another FUTURE action
 - **Tense Indicator:** V
 - **Tense formation:** **will/shall have** + verb**ED**
 - **Tense formation in LATIN:** root + v + **erg, eris, erit...**
 - *Martha will have achieved 30 credit hours (before she will graduate); Marta ambulaverit.*
- **Conjugation:** a family of VERBS; there are FOUR and their names are:
 - 1st: stem vowel before infinitive ending of -re is long a (ambulare)
 - 2nd: stem vowel before infinitive ending of -re is a long e (monere)
 - 3rd: stem vowel before infinitive ending of -re is a short e (cupere)
 - 4th: stem vowel before infinitive ending of -re is a long i (audire)
- **Number**
 - Singular
 - Plural
- **Person**
 - 1st (person speaking/speaker.... I/We)
 - 2nd (person spoken to.... You/Y'all)
 - 3rd (person spoken about.... He, she, it/They)
- **Finding the root:**
 - Remove the ending (re) from the INFINITIVE form of the verb (the second principal part)
 - Examples:
 - laudo, laudare: the root is lauda
 - moneo, monere: the root is mone
 - cupio, cupere: the root is cupi
 - venio, venire: the root is veni

1st Conjugation Active Indicative Verb Endings

PRESENT Tense Personal Endings (PE) (because they tell which person acted/existed)

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

IMPERFECT Tense Personal Endings (add the imperfect sign of BA to the PE, above)

	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	- ba + m	- ba + mus
2 nd Person	- ba + s	- ba + tis
3 rd Person	- ba + t	- ba + nt

FUTURE Tense Personal Endings (add the future sign of BI to the PE, above)

	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	- b + o	- bi + mus
2 nd Person	- bi + s	- bi + tis
3 rd Person	- bi + t	- bu + nt

PERFECT Tense Endings (add the perfect sign of V to the Perfect Tense Endings (PPE))

	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	- v + i	- v + imus
2 nd Person	- v + isti	- v + istis
3 rd Person	- v + it	- v + erunt

PLUPERFECT Tense Endings (add the perfect sign of V to the Imperfect of Sum)

	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	- v + eram	- v + eramus
2 nd Person	- v + eras	- v + eratis
3 rd Person	- v + erat	- v + erant

FUTURE PERFECT Tense Endings (add the perfect sign of V to the future of Sum)

	Singular	Plural
1 st Person	- v + ero	- v + erimus
2 nd Person	- v + eris	- v + eritis
3 rd Person	- v + erit	- v + erint

Verbs of Being - Active, Indicative Paradigm of Sum, Esse, Fui, Futurus

Present Tense (su/es + PE)

	Singular		Plural	
1st Person	sum	I am	sumus	we are
2nd Person	es	you are	estis	y'all are
3rd Person	est	he/she/it is	erunt	they are

Imperfect Tense (er + PE)

	Singular		Plural	
1st Person	eram	I was	eramus	we were
2nd Person	eras	you were	eratis	y'all were
3rd Person	erat	he/she/it was	erant	they were

Future Tense (er + PE)

	Singular		Plural	
1st Person	ero	I will be	erimus	we will be
2nd Person	eris	you will be	eritis	y'all will be
3rd Person	erit	he/she/it will be	erint	they will be

Perfect Tense (perfect root + perfect endings of active verbs)

	Singular		Plural	
1st Person	fui	I have been	fuimus	we have been
2nd Person	fuisti	you have been	fuitistis	y'all have been
3rd Person	fuit	he/she/it have been	fuerunt	they have been

Plurperfect Tense (root + imperfect of sum, esse)

	Singular		Plural	
1st Person	fueram	I had been	fueramus	we had been
2nd Person	fueras	you had been	fueratis	y'all had been
3rd Person	fuerat	he/she/it had been	fuerant	they had been

Future Perfect Tense (Root+ future of sum, esse)

	Singular		Plural	
1st Person	fuiro	I will have been	fuerimus	we will have been
2nd Person	fueris	you will have been	fueritis	y'all will have been
3rd Person	fuerit	he/she/it will have been	fuerint	they will have been