How To Conjugate A Verb

| Present | - | Imperfect | - | Perfect |

There are **two tense systems**: each with their own <u>personal endings</u>.

	present system		**perfect system**	
	PRESENT tense		PERFECT tense	
	IMPERFECT tense			

	singular	**plural**	**singular**	**plural**
personal endings:	-ō,-m	-mus	-ī	-imus
	-s	-tis	-istī	-istis
	-t	-nt	-it	-ērunt

1. You must know the **principle parts of the verb**. These must be memorized or looked up in a dictionary.

| **pres.** | **perf.** | **pres.** | **perf.** | **pres.** | **perf.** | **pres.** | **perf.** |

examples: clāmat : clāmāvit   manet : mānsit   dūcit : dūxit   audit : audīvit

- The 1st principle part is the 3rd person singular, present tense.

- The 2nd principle part is the 3rd person singular, perfect tense.

2. You must figure out the **present and the perfect stems**.

- present stem: take the **"t"** off of the present

- perfect stem: take the **"it"** off of the perfect

examples: clāmā : clāmāv   manē : māns   dūci : dūx   audī : audīv

3. Basics: **present tense** - attach the present system ending to present stem.

imperfect tense - attach **"ba"** and the present system endings to the present stem. (use the "m" instead of the "o" for 1st person singular)

perfect tense - attach the perfect personal endings to the perfect stem

There are four types of verbs with individual peculiarities.

a-stems	e-stems	i-stems	i-stem-plus
clāmat : clāmāvit	manet : mānsit	dūcit : dūxit	audit : audīvit
1. "a" disappears when "o" is added in the 1st per. sing. present	1. "e" does not disappear when "o" is added	1. "i" disappears when "o" is added in the 1st per. sing. present	1. "i" remains everywhere in the present and the imperfect tenses
2. add -ba for imperfect	2. add -ba for imperfect	2. "i" becomes an "u" in 3rd per. pl. present	2. "u" is added in the 3rd per. pl. present
		3. "i" disappears and add -ēba for imperfect	3. add -ēba for imperfect

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"a" stem verb

principle parts : clāmat : clāmāvit   **present stem:** clāmā   **perfect stem:** clāmāv

Present Tense

singular	plural
1. clāmō *	clāmāmus
2. clāmās	clāmātis
3 . clāmat	clāmant

Perfect Tense

singular	plural
1. clāmāvī	clāmāvimus
2. clāmāvistī	clāmāvistis
3. clāmāvit	clāmāvērunt

Imperfect Tense   +bā

singular	plural
1. clāmābam	clāmābāmus
2 . clāmābās	clāmābātis
3 . clāmābat	clāmābant

"e" stem verb

principle parts : manet : mānsit   **present stem:** manē   **perfect stem:** māns

Present Tense

singular	plural
1. maneō *	manēmus
2. manēs	manētis
3 . manet	manent

Perfect Tense

singular	plural
1. mānsī	mānsimus
2. mānsistī	mānsistis
3. mānsit	mānsērunt

Imperfect Tense   + bā

singular	plural
1. manēbam	manēbāmus
2 . manēbās	manēbātis
3 . manēbat	manēbant

"i" stem verb

principle parts : dūcit : dūxit   **present stem:** dūci   **perfect stem:** dūx

Present Tense

singular	plural
1. dūcō *	dūcimus
2. dūcis	dūcitis
3 . dūcit	dūcunt *

Perfect Tense

singular	plural
1. dūxī	dūximus
2. dūxistī	dūxistis
3. dūxit	dūxērunt

Imperfect Tense   + ēbā

* ("i" disappears in imperfect)

singular	plural
1. dūcēbam	dūcēbāmus
2 . dūcēbās	dūcēbātis
3 . dūcēbat	dūcēbant

"i" stem-plus verb

principle parts : audit : audīvit   **present stem:** audī   **perfect stem:** audīv
 * ("i" remains everywhere)

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<tr><td>singular</td><td>plural</td><td>singular</td><td>plural</td></tr>
<tr><td>1. audio</td><td>audīmus</td><td>1. audīvī</td><td>audīvimus</td></tr>
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<tr><td>3 . audit</td><td>audiunt *</td><td>3. audīvit</td><td>audīvērunt</td></tr>
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Imperfect Tense   + ēbā

singular	plural
1. audiēbam	audiēbāmus
2 . audiēbās	audiēbātis
3 . audiēbat	audiēbant