Verbal inflection

Professor Smith / Latin 101

Review

- Substantive inflection: *declension*
- Identify three properties: gender, case, number
- Identification -> meaning

Finite verbs

- Inflection: conjugation
- Identify five properties:
 - person
 - number
 - tense
 - \circ mood
 - \circ voice
- Identification -> meaning

What kind of statement? Mood

(What mode of statement?)

- *indicative*: factual
- *imperative*: command
- *subjunctive*: non-factual or hypothetical

Mood: examples

Command (imperative)

da mihi id.

Give me that!

Fact (indicative)

Creon Megaram filiam suam Herculi dedit.

Creon **gave** his daughter Megara to Hercules [in marriage].

The subject: who, and how many? *Person* and *Number*

Person	Singular	Plural
First	I	We
Second	You	You
Third	He, she, it	They

Person + number

Third singular:

Fui<mark>t</mark> Ilium.

Troy existed.

First plural:

Fui**mus** Troes.

We were Trojans.

Actor or acted upon? Voice

- active: subject does the action
- *passive*: subject is acted upon

Voice

Active

Italus Italiam ex suo nomine appellauit.

Italus called (it) "Italy" from his own name.

Passive

Graece capra "aega" appellatur.

In Greek a goat **is called** "aega."

Time and aspect of action: Tense

Two tenses describing past time:

- *perfect* (complete)
- *imperfect* (incomplete)



Tense

Perfect tense:

Hercules Busiridem interfecit.

Hercules killed Busiris.

Imperfect tense:

Antaeus hospites interficiebat.

Antaeus killed his guests. Antaeus used to kill his guests. Antaeus repeatedly, regularly killed his guests.

Other examples of imperfect

Ongoing state or action:

cogebat

he thought...

he was thinking...

habebat

he had...

erant

they were...

The perfect: game over

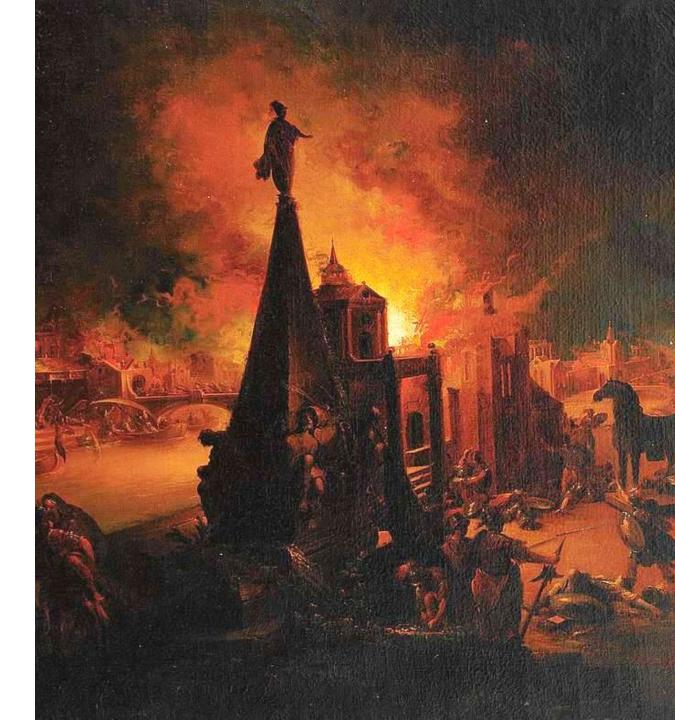
Panthus, to Aeneas:

venit summa dies

the last day has arrived

fuit llium

Troy existed once, but exists no more: it is over



Summary

Identify every conjugated verb with five properties:

- Person
- Number
- Tense
- Mood
- Voice

Coming up...

How to recognize and form

- every *person* and *number*
- in the imperfect and perfect *tenses*
- in the indicative mood
- in both active and passive *voices*

Valēte!