

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*
 - *mood*
 - *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
<i>First</i>	I	We
<i>Second</i>	You	You
<i>Third</i>	He, she, it	They

Person + number

Third singular:

Fui **t** 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 Ilium

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 !

