**Irregular Verb: possum, posse, potui, - = to be able**

**Present System of Possum**

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| Present | | | |
| Singular | | Plural | |
| Person | Latin | Person | Latin |
| 1 | possum (I am able, I can) | 1 | possumus (we are able, we can) |
| 2 | potes (you are able, you can) | 2 | potestis (you are able, you can) |
| 3 | potest (he is able, he can) | 3 | possunt (they are able, they can) |

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| Imperfect | | | |
| Singular | | Plural | |
| Person | Latin | Person | Latin |
| 1 | poteram (I was able) | 1 | poteramus (we were able) |
| 2 | poteras (you were able) | 2 | poteratis (you were able) |
| 3 | poterat (he was able) | 3 | poterant (they were able) |

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| Future | | | |
| Singular | | Plural | |
| Person | Latin | Person | Latin |
| 1 | potero (I will be able) | 1 | poterimus (we will be able) |
| 2 | poteris (you will be able) | 2 | poteritis (you will be able) |
| 3 | poterit (he will be able) | 3 | poterunt (they will be able) |

**Perfect System of Possum**

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| Perfect | | | |
| Singular | | Plural | |
| Person | Latin | Person | Latin |
| 1 | potui (I was able) | 1 | potuimus (we were able) |
| 2 | potuisti (you were able) | 2 | potuistis (you were able) |
| 3 | potuit (he was able) | 3 | potuerunt (they were able) |

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| Pluperfect | | | |
| Singular | | Plural | |
| Person | Latin | Person | Latin |
| 1 | potueram (I had been able) | 1 | potueramus (we had been able) |
| 2 | potueras (you had been able) | 2 | potueratis (you had been able) |
| 3 | potuerat (he had been able) | 3 | potuerant (they had been able) |

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| Future Perfect | | | |
| Singular | | Plural | |
| Person | Latin | Person | Latin |
| 1 | potuero ( I will have been able) | 1 | potuerimus (we will have been able) |
| 2 | potueris (you will have been able) | 2 | potueritis (you will have been able) |
| 3 | potuerit (he will have been able) | 3 | potuerint (they will have been able) |

Sentence Examples:

1. *In agris laborare* ***possum****.* I am able to work in the fields.

2. *Verba dicere* ***poteramus****.* We were able to say the words.

3. *Ramum tenere* ***potueritis****.* You will have been able to hold the branch.