**Verb Basics**

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| Verb Terms: | |
| Conjugation | Latin divides all the verbs into four groups or families, called conjugations. The infinitive ending determines the conjugation. |
| Tense | Latin, like English, has six tenses that show the time an action takes place:  Present  Imperfect (simple past)  Future  Perfect  Pluperfect  Future Perfect |
| Person | 1st person = I or we  2nd person = you singular, you plural  3rd person = he/she/it or they |
| Number | Singular or Plural |
| Voice | Like English, Latin has two voices:  Active -- the subject is the doer of the action  Passive -- the subject received the action |
| Mood | There are three moods in Latin:  Indicative -- statements and simple questions  Imperative -- commands  Subjunctive -- wishes, unreal situations, etc. |

**Verb Stems**

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| Dictionary Entry for Verbs consists of the four principal parts and the meaning.  Examples: porto, portare, portavi, portatus,-a,-um = to carry   1. porto (1st person singular, present tense) 2. portare (infinitive) 3. portavi (1st person singular, perfect tense) 4. portatus,-a,-um (perfect passive participle) 5. to carry (English meaning)   moneo, monere, monui, monitus,-a,-um = to warn dico, dicere, dixi, dictus,-a,-um,-a,-um = to say sentio, sentire, sensi, sensus,-a,-um = to feel |

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| Stems | Formula | Example |
| Present | = 2nd principal part (infinitive) minus -RE (exception: 3rd conjugation drop the -ERE) and  3rd conjugation present tense add -is, -imus, -itis, -unt 3rd conjugation imperfect tense add -ebam, -ebas, -ebat, etc. 3rd conjugation future add -am, -es, -et, -emus, -etis, -ent  N.B. For imperfect and future tenses of 3rd -IO and 4th conjugation verbs there is an -ie- in the stem for most forms. Examples: capiebat, audiemus | porta- |
| Perfect | = 3rd principal part minus -i | portavi- |
| Participial | = 4th principal part minus -us, -a, -um | portat- |

**Tense Chart Signs**

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| Tense | Tense Sign | Magic Word |
| Present | (look to the second principal part) | am/are |
| Imperfect | -ba- | used to |
| Future | -bi-, -e- | will |
| Perfect | (look to the third principal part) | has/ have |
| Pluperfect | -era- | had |
| Future Perfect | -eri- | will have |

**Verb Translator**

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| Use this table to assist you in translating verbs. Substitute the verb for the word verb.  Example: "I am verbing" becomes "I am carrying." |

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| Present Tense | Singular | Plural |
| 1st Person | I verb, I am verbing | we verb |
| 2nd Person | you verb | you all verb |
| 3rd Person | he/she/it verbs | they verb |
| Imperfect | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| 1st Person | I was verbing, I used to verb | we used to verb |
| 2nd Person | you used to verb | you all used to verb |
| 3rd Person | he/she/it used to verb | they used to verb |
| Future | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| 1st Person | I will verb | we will verb |
| 2nd Person | you will verb | you will verb |
| 3rd Person | he/she/it will verb | they will verb |
| Perfect | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| 1st Person | I have verbed, I did verb | we have verbed |
| 2nd Person | you have verbed | you have verbed |
| 3rd Person | he/she/it has verbed | they have verbed |
| Pluperfect | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| 1st Person | I had verbed | we had verbed |
| 2nd Person | you had verbed | you had verbed |
| 3rd Person | he/she/it had verbed | they had verbed |
| Future Perfect | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| 1st Person | I will have verbed | we will have verbed |
| 2nd Person | you will have verbed | you will have verbed |
| 3rd Person | he/she/it will have verbed | they will have verbed |