

# **Verbal inflection**

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# 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 !

