The gerundive: an adjective made from a verb

Form

Example: laudo, laudāre -> laudandus, -a, -um

1. **stem**: same stem as imperfect, plus nd

2. **endings**: regular 2-1-2 adjective endings -us, -a, -um

Like all adjectives, agrees with noun in **gender, case** and **number**

Review: imperfect stem

1st. laudo, laudāre -> lauda- + ba

2nd. video, vidēre -> vide- + ba

3rd. duco, ducere -> duce- + ba

3rd-io. capio, capere -> capie- + ba

4th. audio, audire -> audie- + ba

Gerundive

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Meaning

- *passive* voice

- idea of necessity

Modifying a noun

*vir **laudandus***

> A man **who must be praised**
>
> A **praiseworthy** man

A predicate adjective

Carthago delenda est.

• Cato the Elder

Vocabulary:

- *Carthago, Carthaginis*, feminine - "Carthage"
- *deleo, delēre, delevi, deleteus* - "to destroy"

Carthago delenda est.
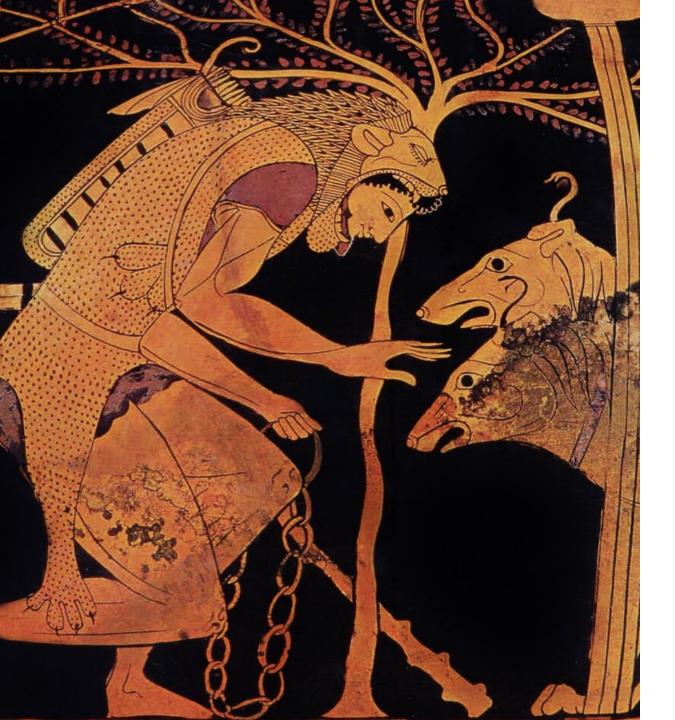
> Carthage **must be destroyed**!

or

> We **must destroy** Carthage!

Expressing purpose

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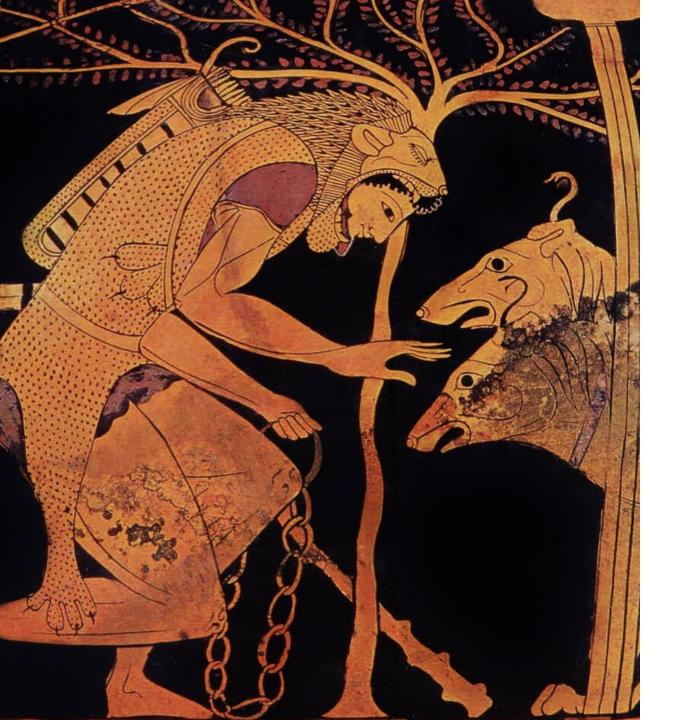
> "Hercules came to the three-headed dog who must be fetched."

Prefer the active voice in English

The three-headed dog **was fetched** by Hercules.

Hercules **fetched** the three-headed dog.

Expressing purpose with gerundive

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"Hercules came to the three-headed dog who must be fetched."

-> Hercules came to fetch the three-headed dog.

Further examples from Hyginus

88a Atreus mittit eum ad Thyestem **interficiendum**.

Atreus sends him **to kill** Thyestes.

95a Agamemnon et Menelaus, Atrei filii, ad Troiam **oppugnandam** Graecos duxerunt.

Agamemnon and Menelaus, the sons of Atreus led the Greeks **to attack** Troy.

Recap: the gerundive

1. verbal adjective

2. passive voice

3. idea of necessity

4. common way to express purpose

5. usually easier to express in English by converting to *active* voice