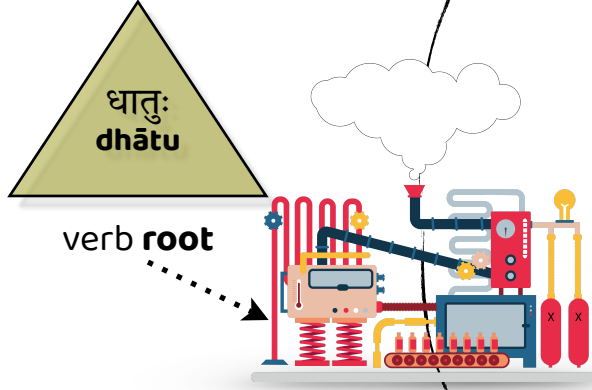**conjugation of the imperative (लोट् - loṭ)**

1. the **loṭ [लोट्]** (**imperative**) is used to give instructions or commands.
2. **formation**: special **imperative secondary endings** are added to the **present** active stem (लट्) OR to **passive** stem
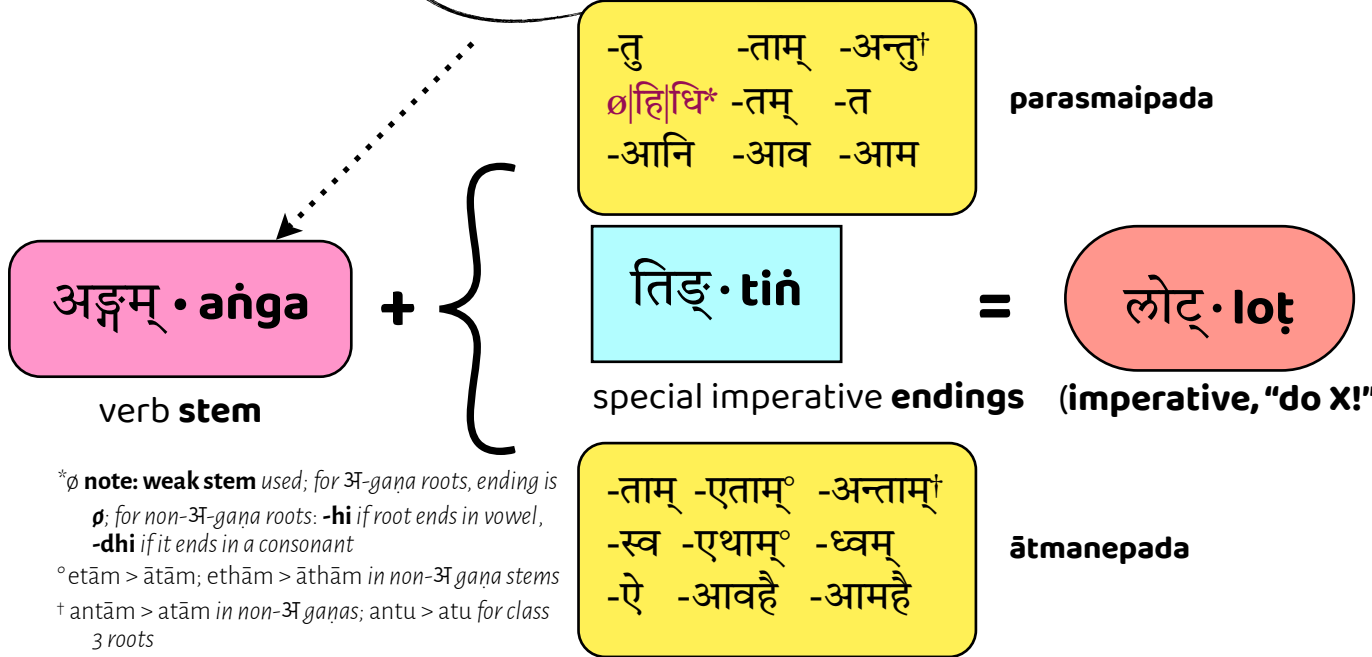3. **second person singular** (parasmaipada) uses **WEAK** stem.

धातुः
dhātu

verb **root**

processing of **root >> stem** (**10 gaṇas**) [classes]

भू · class 1 / [guṇate root + अ]	अद् · class 2 / [S: guṇate + ø; W: ø]
हु · class 3 / [**abhyāsa** {reduplication} & S: guṇate root]	दिव् · class 4 / [root + य]
सु · class 5 / [S: root + नो; W: root + नु]	तुद् · class 6 / [root + अ]
रुध् · class 7 / [S: infix न; W: infix न्]	तन् · class 8 / [S: root + ओ; W: root + उ]
क्री · class 9 / [S: root + ना; W: root + नी]	चुर् · class 10 / [guṇate root + अय]

अ gaṇas / non-अ gaṇas

S = strong stem, W = weak stem

parasmaipada

-तु	-ताम्	-अन्तु†
ø|हि|धि*	-तम्	-त
-आनि	-आव	-आम

अङ्गम् • **aṅga**

verb **stem**

+ {

तिङ् · **tiṅ**

special imperative **endings**

=

लोट् · **loṭ**

(imperative, "do X!")

*ø **note: weak stem** used; for अ-gaṇa roots, ending is ø; for non-अ-gaṇa roots: **-hi** if root ends in vowel, **-dhi** if it ends in a consonant*

°*etām > ātām; ethām > āthām in non-अ gaṇa stems*

†*antām > atām in non-अ gaṇas; antu > atu for class 3 roots*

ātmanepada

-ताम्	-एताम्°	-अन्ताम्†
-स्व	-एथाम्°	-ध्वम्
-ऐ	-आवहै	-आमहै

examples with second person singular:

a. **अ-gaṇa roots: identical** to the present stem.
   भू ("become", 1P) >> भव ("become!")
   गम् ("go", 1P) >> गच्छ ("go!")
   स्था ("stay", 1P) >> तिष्ठ (stay!)

b. **non-अ-gaṇa roots**: "**हि**" if vowel-final, else "**धि**".
   इ ("go", 2P) >> इहि ("go!")
   ब्रू ("speak", 2P) >> ब्रूहि ("say it!")
   युज् ("yoke, control", 7P) **->** युङ्ग्धि ("control it!")

c. **class 3**: some irregular forms:
   हु ("offer", 3P) >> जुहुधि ("offer it!")
   दा ("give", 3P) >> देहि ("give it!")
   धा ("put, place", 3P) >> धेहि ("put it!")

d. **classes 5 & 8**: vowel-final roots take "**ø**" ending:
   कृ ("do", 8P) >> कुरु ("do it!")
   श्रु ("listen", 5P) >> श्रुणु ("listen!")
   आप् ("obtain", 5P) >> आप्नुहि ("get it!")

e. **class 9**: consonant-final roots take special "**āna**" ending:
   गृह ("grab", 9P) >> गृहाण ("grab it!")