

SUMMARY OF TENSES

SECONDARY TENSES

(formed using perfect stem)

PRIMARY TENSES

(formed using present stem)

FUTURE PERFECT

Indicates an action will occur after the statement but before another act further in the future.

Form: perfect stem + -erō, eris, erit...erint.

N.B. endings almost identical to future of *sum*.

PERFECT

Indicates a simple action that occurred before the statement.

Form: perfect stem + *perfect endings* (-ī, istī, it... ērunt).

PLUPERFECT

Indicates an action that occurred prior to another past action.

Form: perfect stem + -eram, erās, erat... erant).

N.B. Endings identical to imperfect of *sum*.

FUTURE

Indicates action (simple or continuous) that will occur after the statement.

Form: present stem + be + *personal endings* (-bō, bis, bit... bunt).

N.B. vowel in tense sign ("-be-") changed to "i" or "u" by personal ending.

PRESENT

Indicates contemporaneous action.

Form: present stem + *personal endings*

N.B. stem vowel different for different conjugations.

IMPERFECT

Indicates continuous or repeated action prior to the statement

Form: present stem + bā + *personal endings* (-bam, bās, bat... bant).

Dawn of Time