

1st CONJUGATION

| IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SINGULAR | | |
| 1ST PERSON | amā bam | I was loving |
| 2ND PERSON | amā bas | you were loving |
| 3RD PERSON | amā bat | he was loving |
| PLURAL | | |
| 1ST PERSON | amā bamus | we were loving |
| 2ND PERSON | amā batis | you were loving |
| 3RD PERSON | amā bant | they were loving |

Conjugating Verbs in the imperfect tense

Latin verbs change their endings to show five things:

1. **number** (singular or plural)
2. **person** (1st, 2nd, or 3rd)
3. **tense** (present, imperfect, future, perfect, pluperfect, or future perfect)
4. **mood** (indicative, subjective, or imperative) and
5. **voice** (active or passive)

Whew! You can learn all of that information from the ending of the verb. Here's how it works:

STEP 1: EVERY VERB HAS 4 PRINCIPLE PARTS - The Imperfect Tense is built off of the present stem which can be found in the 2nd principle part. The **1st Conjugation** always has “-āre” at the end of the **2nd principle part**. **Drop that ending to find the present stem**. You can ignore the 1st, 3rd and 4th principle parts in the imperfect tense.

4 principle parts

| | | | |
|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| amō, | amāre, | amāvī, | amātum |
| 1ST PERSON, SINGULAR, PRESENT, INDICATIVE ACTIVE | DROP ENDING TO FORM THE PRESENT STEM PRESENT INFINITIVE ACTIVE | PERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE | PERFECT PARTICIPLE PASSIVE |

STEP 2: EVERY CONJUGATION HAS A CONJUGATION IDENTIFIER - The 1st conjugation is the “a” conjugation. You **use the letter “a”** as a connector between the stem and the ending when building your verbs.

STEP 3: ADD THE TENSE SIGN - The imperfect tense is **identified with “ba”**. If you see those letters in a verb, you know it is in the imperfect tense.

STEP 4: ADD THE ENDING - The person/number identifiers are the same for every verb: **“m”** - 1st singular, **“s”**-2nd singular, **“t”** - 3rd singular, **“mus”** - 1st plural, **“tis”** - 2nd plural, **“nt”** - 3rd plural. Add them to the stem, the conjugation sign, and the tense sign, and you've built your verb!

3rd Person Plural:

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---|-----------------|
| <u>am</u> | + | <u>a</u> | + | <u>ba</u> | + | <u>nt</u> | = | <u>amabant</u> |
| STEP 1: VERB STEM | | STEP 2: CONJUGATION IDENTIFIER | | STEP 3: TENSE SIGN | | STEP 4: PERSONAL ENDING | | CONJUGATED VERB |

1st
CONJUGATION

orō,
PRESENT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

DROP ENDING TO FORM
THE PRESENT STEM

orāre,
PRESENT INFINITIVE
ACTIVE

orāvī,
PERFECT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

orātus
PERFECT PARTICIPLE
PASSIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

Singular

Plural

1ST PERSON

orābam

I was praying

1ST PERSON

orā

__ was praying

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

orābas

you were praying

2ND PERSON

orā

__ were praying

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

orabat

he, she, it was praying

3RD PERSON

ora

__, __, __ was praying

3RD PERSON

__, __, __ _____

1ST PERSON

orābamus

we were praying

1ST PERSON

orā

__ were praying

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

orābatis

you were praying

2ND PERSON

orā

__ were praying

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

orabant

they were praying

3RD PERSON

ora

__ were praying

3RD PERSON

1st
CONJUGATION

laudō,
PRESENT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

DROP ENDING TO FORM
THE PRESENT STEM

laudāre,
PRESENT INFINITIVE
ACTIVE

laudāvī,
PERFECT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

laudātus
PERFECT PARTICIPLE
PASSIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

Singular

Plural

1ST PERSON

laudābam

I was praising

1ST PERSON

laudā

___ was praising

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

laudābas

you were praising

2ND PERSON

laudā

___ were praising

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

laudabat

he, she, it was praising

3RD PERSON

lauda

___, ___, ___ was praising

3RD PERSON

___, ___, ___

1ST PERSON

laudābamus

we were praising

1ST PERSON

laudā

___ were praising

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

laudābatis

you were praising

2ND PERSON

laudā

___ were praising

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

laudabant

they were praising

3RD PERSON

lauda

___ were praising

3RD PERSON

1st
CONJUGATION

vocō,
PRESENT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

DROP ENDING TO FORM
THE PRESENT STEM
vocāre,
PRESENT INFINITIVE
ACTIVE

vocāvī,
PERFECT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

vocātus
PERFECT PARTICIPLE
PASSIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

Singular

Plural

1ST PERSON

vocābam

I was calling

1ST PERSON

vocā

___ was calling

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

vocābas

you were calling

2ND PERSON

vocā

___ were calling

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

vocabat

he, she, it was calling

3RD PERSON

voca

___, ___, ___ was calling

3RD PERSON

1ST PERSON

vocābamus

we were calling

1ST PERSON

vocā

___ were calling

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

vocābatis

you were calling

2ND PERSON

vocā

___ were calling

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

vocabant

they were calling

3RD PERSON

voca

___ were calling

3RD PERSON

1st
CONJUGATION

parō,
PRESENT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

DROP ENDING TO FORM
THE PRESENT STEM

parāre,
PRESENT INFINITIVE
ACTIVE

parāvī,
PERFECT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

parātus
PERFECT PARTICIPLE
PASSIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

Singular

1ST PERSON

parābam

I was preparing

1ST PERSON

parā

__ was preparing

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

parābas

you were preparing

2ND PERSON

parā

__ were preparing

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

parabat

he, she, it was preparing

3RD PERSON

para

__, __, __ was preparing

3RD PERSON

Plural

1ST PERSON

parābamus

we were preparing

1ST PERSON

parā

__ were preparing

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

parābatis

you were preparing

2ND PERSON

parā

__ were preparing

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

parabant

they were preparing

3RD PERSON

para

__ were preparing

3RD PERSON

1st
CONJUGATION

explōrō,

PRESENT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

DROP ENDING TO FORM
THE PRESENT STEM

explōrāre,

PRESENT INFINITIVE
ACTIVE

explōravī,

PERFECT INDICATIVE
ACTIVE

explōrātus

PERFECT PARTICIPLE
PASSIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

IMPERFECT INDICATIVE ACTIVE

Singular

1ST PERSON

explōrābam

I was finding out

1ST PERSON

explōrā

__ was finding out

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

explōrābas

you were finding out

2ND PERSON

explōrā

__ were finding out

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

explōrabat

he, she, it was finding out

3RD PERSON

explōra

__, __, __ was finding out

3RD PERSON

Plural

1ST PERSON

explōrābamus

we were finding out

1ST PERSON

explōrā

__ were finding out

1ST PERSON

2ND PERSON

explōrābatis

you were finding out

2ND PERSON

explōrā

__ were finding out

2ND PERSON

3RD PERSON

explōrabant

they were finding out

3RD PERSON

explōra

__ were finding out

3RD PERSON