Forming a Future Tense

Get the **present stem** from the infinitive, which is the **second principal part** of the verb.

Usually the present stem = the infinitive minus the final -re.

**Conjugations I and II**

- *ama-*
- *vide-*

**Conjugation III**

- *reg(e)-*

**Conjugations III-io, and IV**

- *cape-*
- *audi-*

Make the stem end with the consonant.

Add:

- *bo*
- *bis*
- *bit*
- *bimus*
- *bitis*
- *bunt*

amabo, amabis, etc. videbo, videbis, etc.

Add:

- *am*
- *es*
- *et*
- *emus*
- *etis*
- *ent*

regam, reges, etc. capiam, capies, etc audiam, audies, etc

**N.B.** Everything depends upon **which branch** is going to be taken. You know this only by realizing the verb's conjugation. Be able to "feel" immediately that the verbs that you have learned are either the **One-Two Type** (left branch) or the **Three-Four Type** (middle/right branch).
Forming an Imperfect Tense

Get the **present stem** from the infinitive, which is the **second principal part** of the verb.

Usually the present stem = the infinitive minus the final -re.

Conjugations I, II, and III

Conjugations III- io and IV

Change the stem's ending to -ie-

Add -ba-

Add:

- m
- s
- t
- mus
- tis
- nt

N.B. The -a- or the -e- before the -ba- will always be a **long vowel**, getting the accent if it is the second to last syllable.
Forming a Perfect Active Tense

Present Perfect (I **have** ...) Past Perfect (I **had**...) Future Perfect (I **will have** ...)

Get the **perfect stem** from the **third principal part** of the verb.

Usually the perfect stem = the third part minus the final -i.

Present Perfect:
I have ____d

Add
-era-

Add
-i
-isti
-it
-imus
-istis
-erunt

Past Perfect:
I had ____d

Add
-ero, then
-eri-

Add
-m
-s
-t
-mus
-tis
-nt

Future Perfect:
I will have ____d

Add
(nothing)
-s
-t
-mus
-tis
-nt

amavi, etc.
monui, etc.
vidi, etc.
rexi, etc.
cepi, etc.
audivi, etc.
amaveram, etc.
monueram, etc.
videram, etc.
rexeram, etc.
ceperam, etc.
audiveram, etc.
amavero, etc.
monuero, etc.
videro, etc.
rexero, etc.
cepero, etc.
audivero, etc.

Compare the imperfect of sum:
eram, etc.

Compare the future forms of sum: ero, etc. but erunt vs. -er int.
Active Verb Tenses:
Identifying Signs

**Built on the present stem:**

- Present
  - I: -a-
  - II: -e-
  - III: -i-, -unt
  - III-io, IV: -i/-iunt

- Imperfect
  - -ba-

- Future
  - I, II: -bo, -bi-, -bunt
  - III, III-io, IV: -e-

**Built on the perfect stem:**

- Present Perfect
  - The endings
    - -i, -isti, -it
    - -imus, -istis, -erunt

- Past Perfect
  - -era-

- Future Perfect
  - -ero
  - -eri-