

Imperfect Tense

- imperfect tense is a tense that takes place in the past, but emphasizes the duration of the action
- it is usually translated with *was* or *were* and then the verb with *ing* added
- sometimes it is translated as *used to* and then the verb

example: *ambulabamus*- we **were walking** or we **used to walk**

- To form the imperfect tense follow these simple steps

1. take the 2nd principal part (the one that ends in *-re*)

2. drop off the *-re*

3. add the letters *-ba-*

4. add the personal endings:

-m=I

-s=you

-t=he, she, or it or a noun

-mus=we

-tis=you

-nt= they, or a plural
noun

narra-ba-nt=they were telling, or they used to tell

Future Tense

1. take the 2nd principal part

2. drop the –re

3. add -bo
-bi-
-bu-

4. add the personal endings

--- (the o is already added when you add *bo*) -mus

-s -tis

-t -nt

Add –bo in the 1st form

Add –bu- in the last form with the –nt

Add –bi- everywhere else

iuv**abo** – I shall help

iuv**abis** – you will help

iuv**abit** – he (etc) will help

iuv**imus** – we shall help

iuv**itis** - you will help

iuv**unt** - they will help