

## The Active Voice

All the verbs we formed in Latin 1 were put into the active voice. In the active voice the subject of the verb is doing the action of the verb. An example would be –*We are attacking*.

## The Passive Voice

In the passive voice something is being done to the subject. An example would be –*We are being attacked*.

The personal endings used in the passive voice are different from the ones we have been using in the active voice.

Here are the new endings.

	singular	plural
1 <sup>st</sup> person	-or -r = I	-mur = we
2 <sup>nd</sup> person	-ris = you	-mini = you
3 <sup>rd</sup> person	-tur =he, she, it, noun	-ntur = they, noun

On the next page is the information that you need to form the present, imperfect and future tenses in the passive voice in all the conjugations. Look at it carefully and notice how similar the steps are to the active voice. In many cases, the only difference is the ending.

When translating the passive voice into English you will need to add one of the following words ***be, being*** (and later when we do the other tenses ***been***) along with *am, is, are, was, were, will*. The action word will end in –ed (unless it is irregular in English)

some examples in various forms

*I am being helped*

*you are being watched*

*she is being elected*

*we were being taught* (note this word does not end in –***ed*** because we do not say *taached*)

Be careful. A passive verb is not in the PAST tense just because the word ends in –ed.

VERBS – REGULAR PASSIVE VOICE

PRESENT 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	PRESENT 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PRESENT 3 <sup>rd</sup> I-stem and 4 <sup>th</sup>
<p>1<sup>st</sup> -o, -are / 2<sup>nd</sup> -eo, -ere</p> <p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -re 3. add</p> <p>-or      -mur -ris      -mini -tur      -ntur</p> <p>o + a = o</p> <p><i>-am, is, are being---ed</i></p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> -o, -ere</p> <p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -ere 3. add</p> <p>-or      -imur -eris      -imini -itur      -untur</p> <p><i>-am, is, are being---ed</i></p>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> i -io, -ere / 4<sup>th</sup> -io, -ire</p> <p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -ere / ire 3. add</p> <p>-ior      -imur -eris / iris *      -imini -itur      -iuntur</p> <p>*the <i>eris</i> is for 3<sup>rd</sup> i the <i>iris</i> is for 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>-am, is, are being---ed</i></p>
IMPERFECT 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	IMPERFECT 3 <sup>rd</sup>	IMPERFECT 3 <sup>rd</sup> I and 4 <sup>th</sup>
<p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -re 3. add -ba 4. add</p> <p>-r      -mur -ris      -mini -tur      -ntur</p> <p><i>was, were being ---ed</i></p>	<p>Same as 1-2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -ere / ire 3. add -ieba 4. add</p> <p>-r      -mur -ris      -mini -tur      -ntur</p> <p><i>was, were being ---ed</i></p>
FUTURE 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FUTURE 3 <sup>rd</sup>	FUTURE 3 <sup>rd</sup> I and 4 <sup>th</sup>
<p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -re 3. add</p> <p><b>-bo r      -bi mur</b> <b>-be ris      -bi mini</b> <b>-bi tur      -bu ntur</b></p> <p><i>will be ---ed</i></p>	<p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -ere 3. add</p> <p>-ar      -emur -eris      -emini -etur      -entur</p> <p><i>will be ---ed</i></p>	<p>1. take the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part 2. drop the -ere / ire 3. add</p> <p>-iar      -iemur -ieris      -iemini -ietur      -ientur</p> <p><i>will be ---ed</i></p>