

# LAT101 Class Notes

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## Perfect tense

- Begin with the third principle part. (ex.: amavi, vidi)
- Drop the -i to get the perfect stem. (amav-, vid-)
- You do not have to worry about the correct vowel because the vowel is built into the perfect ending and does not change.
- Add the perfect endings:

Person/#	Perfect endings	Amo, -are, amav-i	video, -ere, vid-i	Present
I	-ī	amāv-ī	vīd-ī	-o
you	-istī	amāv-istī	vīd-istī	-s
s/he	-it	amāv-it	vīd-it	-t
we	-imus	amāv-imus	vīd-imus	-mus
you pl.	-istis	amāv-istis	vīd-istis	-tis
they	-ērunt	amāv-ērunt	vīd-ērunt	-nt

Meanings:

Imperfect	Perfect
1. long-term states 2. repeated actions 3. continuous actions	1. things that happened suddenly or at once 2. one-time events 3. things that happened in the past but are no longer the case
<i>I used to see my friend every day.</i> cotidie amicum meum videbam	<i>I saw my friend yesterday.</i> heri amicum meum vidi.
<i>I praised her every day.</i> cotidie eam laudabam.	<i>I praised her after the victory.</i> eam post victoriam laudavi.
<i>At that point, I was sending my son to school.</i> eo tempore filium ad ludum mittebam	<i>mane filium meum ad ludum misi.</i> I sent my son to school this morning.
<i>Those criminals attacked passersby on the road.</i> illi scelesti praetereuntes in via oppugnabant.	<i>Suddenly, those criminals attacked passersby in the road.</i> illi scelesti praetereuntes in via oppugnaverunt.

## English examples

- I used to go there every day.
- I punched him in the face.
- I have been angry about that, but I'm over it.
- I was walking to the store ...