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absum, abesse, afui + abl,
irr, I am away from
discō, discere, didici, 3, I learn
fleō, flere, flevi, 2, I weep
ineō, inire, inii, 4, I enter, begin
trānseō, trānsire, trānsii, 4, I cross
studeō, studere, studui + dat, 2, I study
valēre iubeō, I bid goodbye to
vendō, vendere, vendidi, 3, I sell
cōnspiciō, cōnspicere, cōnspexi,
3io, I catch sight of
sine + abl, prep, without

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Learn the following 3rd conjugation verbs, which have the same stem for present and perfect:

ascendō, ascendere, ascendi, 3, I climb
contendō, contendere, contendi, 3, I march, hasten
dēfendō, dēfendere, dēfendi, 3, I defend
descendō, descendere, descendi, 3, I descend
incendō, incendere, incendi, 3, I set on fire
ostendō, ostendere, ostendi, 3, I show; point out
vertō, vertere, verti, 3, I turn
cōstituō, cōstituere, cōstitui, 3, I decide

Note that the 3rd person sing. and 1st person pl. have identical forms for present and perfect, e.g. **dēfendit** = either 'he defends' or 'he defended'; **vertimus** = either 'we turn' or 'we turned'. Context will show which meaning is intended.

Note also:

respondeō, respondere, respondi, 2, I answer

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cardinal numbers

ūnus, ūna, ūnum	I	one
duo, duae, duo	II	two
trēs, tria	III	three
quattuor	IV	four
quinque	V	five
sex	VI	six
septem	VII	seven
octō	VIII	eight
novem	IX	nine
decem	X	ten

The *ordinal* numbers (first, second, third, etc.) all decline like **bonus, bona, bonum**. Numerals 4 (**quattuor**) to 100 (**centum**) do not decline.

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	<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>	<i>n.</i>	<i>m.</i>	<i>f.</i>	<i>n.</i>	<i>m./f.</i>	<i>n.</i>
<i>nom.</i>	ūnus	ūna	ūnum	duo	duae	duo	trēs	tria
<i>gen.</i>	ūnūs	ūnūs	ūnūs	duōrum	duārum	duōrum	triūm	triūm
<i>dat.</i>	ūnī	ūnī	ūnī	duōbus	duābus	duōbus	tribus	tribus
<i>acc.</i>	ūnum	ūnam	ūnum	duo/duōs	duās	duo	trēs	tria
<i>abl.</i>	ūnō	ūnā	ūnō	duōbus	duābus	duōbus	tribus	tribus

ūnus declines like **ille** in gen. and dat. sing.; **trēs** declines like the plural of **omnis**.

Learn **vigintī** = 20; 30, 40, etc. are easily recognized by the ending **-gintā**: **tri-gintā, quadra-gintā**, etc.

Learn **centum** = 100; 200, 300, etc. are easily recognized by the ending **-centī**: **du-centī, -ae, -a**; **tre-centī, -ae, -a**, etc.; these decline like the plural of **bonus**.

Learn **mille** = 1,000; **duo milia** = 2,000; **tria milia** = 3,000, etc.

NB **mille** is an indeclinable adjective, e.g. **mille passūs** = '1,000 paces' = one mile.

But **milia** is a neuter plural noun, e.g. **duo milia passuum** = '2,000 of paces' = two miles.

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Duration of time, saying *how long* an action or event lasts, is expressed by the *accusative* case, e.g.: **trēs hōras anibulābāmus**. We were walking for three hours. **sex annōs manebāmus**. We stayed for six years.

Time when, saying *at what time* an action or event took place, is expressed by the *ablative* case, e.g.: **primā luce domō discesserunt**. They left home at dawn. **septimō annō domum rediimus**. In the seventh year we returned home.

The *ablative* is also used to express the time *within which* something happens, e.g.: **tribus hōris domum rediit**. He returned home *within three hours*.

The meanings of the perfect tense

parāvī usually means 'I prepared' (*simple past time*) but it can also mean 'I have prepared'. This we call the *perfect with have* or the *true perfect*. There is nothing in the verb form to tell you which meaning is intended, but the context will usually make this clear, since the *perfect with have* occurs only in present contexts, e.g.:

quinque diēs contenderunt sed Rōma adhūc longē abest. They have walked for five days but Rome is still far away.
nōlī timere, fili; lupus abiit. Don't be afraid, son; the wolf has gone away.

Vocabulary

lacrima, -ae, nf, tear
silva, -ae, nf, forest
annus, -ī, nm, year
ignis, ignis, nm, fire
iter, itineris, nm, journey
tempus, temporis, nm, time
vēr, vēris, nn, spring
diēs, diēi, nm, day
longus, -a, -um, adj, long
longē, adv, far
adhūc, adv, still, yet
tam, adv, so

Perfect stems (cont.)

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agō, agere, ēgī, 3, I do; I drive
claudō, claudere, clausi, 3, I shut
aperiō, aperire, aperui, 4, I open
apertus, -a, -um, adj, open
altus, -a, -um, adj, high (vert. distance)
cōnfectus, -a, -um, adj, finished
invitus, -a, -um, adj, unwilling
medius, -a, -um, adj, middle
sacer, sacra, sacrum, adj, sacred
vacuus, -a, -um, adj, empty
difficilis, difficile, adj, difficult

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Many verbs lengthen the vowel of the present stem to form the perfect. Learn the following:

1st conjugation:	iuvō, iuvāre, iuvi , 1, I help lavō, lavāre, lavi , 1, I wash sedō, sedere, sedi , 2, I sit videō, videre, vidi , 2, I see
2nd conjugation:	agō, agere, ēgī , 3, I do, I drive emō, emere, emi , 3, I buy legō, legere, legi , 3, I read frangō, frangere, fregi , 3, I break vincō, vincere, vici , 3, I conquer relinquō, relinquere, reliqui , 3, I leave behind
3rd conjugation: -iō:	capio, capere, cepi , 3io, I take accipio, accipere, accepi , 3io, I receive recipio, recipere, recepi , 3io, I take back facio, facere, feci , 3io, I do, make iacio, iacere, ieci , 3io, I throw fugio, fugere, fugi , 3io, I flee venio, venire, veni , 4, I come
4th conjugation:	

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e.g. **parāv-eram** = I had prepared. The tense is used to represent a past action or event which precedes another past action or event, e.g.

nox iam vēnerat cum Rōman intrāverunt. Night had come already when they entered Rome. (Both events are in the past but night had fallen before they entered Rome.)

ubi Horātia domum rediit, Scintilla ad forum iam processerat. When Horatia returned home, Scintilla had already gone on to the forum.

The tense is formed by adding the following endings to the perfect stem:

-eram	I had	-erāmus	we had	(these endings are the same as those of the imperfect of sum)
-erās	you (<i>sing.</i>) had	-erātis	you (pl.) had	
-erat	he/she had	-erant	they had	

	1st parō	2nd moneō	3rd regō	3rd -iō capio	4th audio	sum
<i>perfect stem</i>	parāv-	monu-	rēx-	cēp-	audiv-	fu
<i>pluperfect</i>	parāv-eram	monu-eram	rēx-eram	cēp-eram	audiv-eram	fu-eram

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Note the following idioms: **media urbs** = the middle of the city (literally: 'the middle city');

summus mōns = the top of the mountain (literally: 'the highest mountain')

ad urbem festināverunt. They hurried to the city. But **Rōman festināverunt**. They hurried to Rome.

ab urbe discesserunt. They went away from the city. But **Rōmā discesserunt**. They went away from Rome.

The names of cities and towns do not have a preposition in expressions of *motion to* or *from* a place. The *accusative* case is used to express *motion towards* and the *ablative* to express *motion from*.

The same applies to **domus**:

domum redierunt. They returned (to) home. **domō discesserunt**. They left (from) home.

Note that prepositions are only omitted with the names of towns and the word **domus**. Names of countries require prepositions, e.g.

ille senex ad Italiam nāvigāvit Rōmamque festināvit. That old man sailed to Italy and hurried to Rome.

Quintus ad Graeciam nāvigāvit, Flaccus Venusiam rediit. Quintus sailed to Greece, Flaccus returned to Venusia.

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You have met **dom-i** = 'at home'. This is called the locative case, expressing place *where*, e.g. **dom-i manebat**; **dom-i** tells you where he stayed. All names of towns and cities can form a locative case.

The names of places have various forms, singular and plural, e.g.

<i>nominative</i>		<i>locative</i>	
Rōma	(1st decl. sing.)	Rōmae	at/in Rome
Athēnae	(1st decl. plural)	Athēnis	at/in Athens
Corinthus	(2nd decl. sing.)	Corinthis	at/in Corinth
Londinium	(2nd decl. n. sing.)	Londini	at/in London
Puteoli	(2nd decl. plural)	Puteolis	at Puteoli

(The locative is the same in form as the genitive for place names of the 1st and 2nd declensions singular; the same as the *ablative* for those which are plural.)

A few place names are 3rd declension and have locatives *ablative* in form whether singular or plural:

Carthāgō	(3rd decl. sing.)	Carthāgine	at Carthage
Gādēs	(3rd decl. plural)	Gādibus	at Cadiz

Vocabulary

aedificium, -ī, nn, building
vestimenta, -ōrum, nnpl, clothes
Iuppiter, Iovis, nm, Jupiter
continuō, adv, immediately
hūc...illūc, adv, this way and that
paene, adv, nearly
ubique, adv, everywhere
extrā + acc, prep, outside
ubi, conj, where

Perfect stems (cont.)