FOURTH CONJUGATION VERBS

Fourth Conjugation Verbs have the infinitive ending in -ire.

1. Present Tense:

   -io       -imus       Thus:     venio     venimus
   -is       -itis       venis     venitis
   -it       -iunt       venit     veniunt

   Note that -i is the characteristic vowel of the fourth conjugation in the present tense, changing to -iu in the 3rd person plural.

2. The Imperfect Tense has regular endings, but with the characteristic -i-:

   veniebam      veniebamus
   veniebas      veniebatis
   veniebat      veniebant

3. The Future Tense also shows the characteristic -i-, as well as the future tense sign -e- as in the 3rd conjugation (instead of the -bi- of the 1st and 2d conjugations). Note, however -iam in 1st person singular:

   veniam      veniemus
   venies      venietis
   veniet      venient

4. The Perfect tenses (Perfect, Pluperfect and Future Perfect) are regular, forming normally from the stem of the third principal part. Note the following:

   aperio, -ire, aperui, apertum, to open
   audio, -ire, -ivi, -itum, to hear
   nescio, -ire, nescivi, nescitum, to be ignorant of, not to know

   Thus:    Perfect:    Perfect:    venu
   venisti   venuimus
   venit    venuerunt

   Pluperfect:    veneram       veneramus
   veneras       veneratis
   venerat       venerant

   Future Perfect:    venero       venerimus
   veneris       veneritis
   venerit       venerint