

## PERSONAL ENDINGS FOR VERBS

Verbs in English take their meaning from the personal pronouns attached to them: “I walk” and “they walk” mean different things. In Latin the personal pronouns are not necessary to complete the meaning of the verb. Instead, the meaning is determined by the endings attached to the verb stem. These “personal endings” are used in virtually all tenses and must be memorized.

### I. Learn the personal endings of **Active Verbs**:

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	-o (-m) (I)	-mus (we)
2nd	-s (you)	-tis (you)
3rd	-t (he, she it)	-nt (they)

The only exception to this pattern is in the Perfect Tense, which has the following personal endings:

-i	-imus
-isti	-istis
-it	-erunt

Note that even the Perfect Tense follows the regular pattern except in the 1st and 2nd person singular.

### II. Learn the personal endings of **Passive Verbs**:

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	-r (I)	-mur (we)
2nd	-ris (you)	-mini (you)
3rd	-tur (he, she it)	-ntur (they)