

## Imperfect Tense

The Imperfect Tense denotes action *going on in the past tense* (i.e., *continuous action in the past*). It is often translated with the past progressive tense in English (I *was going* to the store). The Imperfect Tense can also denote *repeated* or *customary* action in the past (I *used to go* to the store), as context requires.

The Tense Indicator for the Imperfect is **-ba-**. The personal endings are regular.

### I. Active Voice:

amabam	monebam	ponebam	audiebam
amabas	monebas	ponebas	audiebas
amabat	monebat	ponebat	audiebat
amabamus	monebamus	ponebamus	audiebamus
amabatis	monebatis	ponebatis	audiebatis
amabant	monebant	ponebant	audiebant

### II. Passive Voice:

amabar	monebar	ponebar	audiebar
amabaris	monebaris	ponebaris	audiebaris
amabatur	monebatur	ponebatur	audiebatur
amabamur	monebamur	ponebamur	audiebamur
amabamini	monebamini	ponebamini	audiebamini
amabantur	monebantur	ponebantur	audiebantur

### III. The Imperfect of *sum, esse*:

eram	eramus
eras	eratis
erat	erant

### IV. The Imperfect of *possum, posse*:

poteram	poteramus
poteras	poteratis
poterat	poterant