

Unit 13 - Conjugating

Lesson 2 - Person, number, tense

Activity

Look again at this comparison of verb conjugations on p.103. In the unit on pronouns the students compared the personal pronouns; now have them compare the verb inflections. Look at all the endings for 1 sg., then 2 sg., and make note of the similarities as a class.

Discuss

- What information can be given in the inflection?
Person: who is doing the verb, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
Number: how many are doing the verb, sg. or pl.
Tense: when the action is happening
- What tenses are there? Most people think tense is broken down into past, present, and future.
- There are 6 tenses that are common to most languages:
 - 3 that happened before, in the past: perfect, imperfect, pluperfect
 - 1 that happens now: present
 - 2 that will happen in the future: future perfect, future
(All of these tenses will be learned in a later unit.)
- Signals for these tenses can be in the verb inflections.

Activity

Learning the present tense conjugation in Latin will help us recognize endings in other languages when we study them.

Recite:

amo - amas - amat - amamus - amatis - amant

Sing the verb endings to the Mouseketeers Song:

O, S, T

M - U - S

T - I - S, N - T

PRESENT TENSE, PRESENT TENSE

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FOREVER WE WILL CONJUGATE OUR VERBS...

Homework

memorize endings

prepare to perform a song or performance of the endings of the verb *amo*

Terms

person

number

tense