

## Basic information on Infinitives and Indirect Statements:

An infinitive can be used THREE ways:

- (1) to complement potest, conātur, vult, incipit, etc.: functions as a direct **object**, telling what one is able to do, tries to do, wants to do, etc. Usually a present tense infinitive
- (2) to complement necesse est, facile est, turpe est, etc.: functions as a **subject**, telling what is necessary, easy, or awful, etc. Usually a present infinitive.
- (3) with an accusative and a head verb (“see, think, know, hear, understand, write, promise, say, deny, admit, believe,” etc.) in an **Indirect Statement**. Can be ANY tense infinitive.

DIRECT STATEMENT: Medicus dīcit: “QuīntUS aegrotat.”

INDIRECT STATEMENT: Medicus QuīntUM aegrotĀRE DĪCIT.

Infinitives can be formed in active and passive.

You now know TWO tenses:

	ACTIVE	PASSIVE
PRESENT	____RE	____RĪ (or just -Ī)
PERFECT	____ISSE	____UM ESSE

In chapter XXI, we are introduced to Indirect Statements with perfect active and perfect passive infinitives. The “has/have” translation continues to follow when the infinitives are perfect tense:

### Sentence Pattern for an Indirect Statement: NOM + ACC + INF + Head Verb

The translation and sentence pattern does not change although the tense of the infinitive has changes:

Line 75: Porcum per ōstium **intrāvisse** aiō. I say that a pig **HAS ENTERED** through the door.

Line 76: Bovem irātum cornibus eum **pulsāvisse** putō. I think that an angry bull **HAS HIT** him with horns.

Lines 79-80: ...at nōn dīcit eum ā Sextō **pulsātum esse** neque eum humī **iacuisse**.

...but he does not say that he **has been hit** by Sextus and he does not say that **he has been lying** on the ground.