

How to form a perfect active tense verb:

The perfect tense is translated with the word “have” or “has “ and represents **COMPLETED ACTION**.

The perfect tense is formed from the perfect active infinitive – a new infinitive.

STEP ONE: Before we learn these infinitives – we are simply going to learn the STEM CHANGES for each conjugation:

STEM CHANGE

1st Conjugation:	-av
2nd Conjugation:	-u
3rd Conjugation:	-s/x sounds
4th Conjugation:	-iv

For example:

1st Conjugation Verb:	vocAV
2nd Conjugations Verb:	habU
3rd Conjugation Verb:	diX or scrips or sumps
4th Conjugation:	audIV

STEP TWO: add the appropriate ending:

-ī: I have verbed	-imus – we have verbed
-istī - you have verbed	-istis - you all have verbed
-it he, she, it has verbed	-ērunt - they have verbed

Examples:

vocavimus – we have called

habuērunt - they have had

sumpsit – he picked up

audivī - I have heard