PERFECT ACTIVE TENSE

- **Perfect stem** **+ ī, istī, it, imus, istis, ērunt** *(no connecting vowel)*

- **Action in the past that was a single, completed event**

- The perfect stem of the verb is almost always different from the present stem:
    - Most 1ˢᵗ Conjugation verb perfect stems have –āv-. Ex.:
        - cantāre – used for present, imperfect, and future

        - Cant**āv**____ + ī, istī, it, imus, istis, ērunt

    - Many 2ⁿᵈ conjugation verbs perfect stems have –u-. Ex;
        - monēre - used for present, imperfect, and future

        - Mon**u -**____ + ī, istī, it, imus, istis, ērunt

    - There is no single pattern for the 3ʳᵈ conjugation. Some show a long vowel in the perfect stem, or a different vowel, or an –x- or --- s - , Ex:
        - Dīcere - used for present, imperfect, and future

        - **Dīx**   + ī, istī, it, imus, istis, ērunt

        - Sumere - used for present, imperfect, and future

        - Sum**ps -**   + ī, istī, it, imus, istis, ērunt

    - Many 4ᵗʰ Conjugation perfect stems have an –īv- Ex:
        - Audīre - used for present, imperfect, and future

        - Aud**īv** - + ī, istī, it, imus, istis, ērunt

SIMPLY PUT:

First Conjugation: -av
Second Conjugation: -u   + perfect ending
Third Conjugation: -any (-s, -x sound)
Fourth Conjugation: -īv

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1st sg.(I)	cantāvī	monuī	sumpsī	audīvī
2nd sg.(you)	cantāvistī	monuistî	sumpsistī	audīvistī
3rd sg.(he/she/it)	cantāvit	monuit	sumpsit	audīvit
1st pl.(we)	cantāvimus	monuimus	sumpsimus	audīvimus
2nd pl.(y'all)	cantāvistis	monuistis	sumpsistis	audīvistis
3rd pl.(they)	cantāvērunt	monuērunt	sumpsērunt	audīvērunt
TRANSLATE: I sang/I have sung, you sang/you have sung, etc.				