

- ◆ The perfect tense is formed by adding the *perfect tense endings* to the perfect stem. The perfect tense endings are:

i	imus
isti	istis
it	erunt

- ◆ There are three English translations for the Latin perfect tense. For translation work any of the three are correct, although one may sound better in a particular context. For recitations use the *present perfect* meaning with the helping verbs *have* and *has*.

I loved	<i>simple past</i>	indefinite time in past
I have loved	<i>present perfect</i>	implies some relationship to present
I did love	<i>emphatic past</i>	used for emphasis

Nunc aut numquam is an old saying with no known origin. It is used as a motto by many organizations, such as the Netherlands Commandos.

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we have shouted	1. clamávimus	1. we have judged	judicávimus
I have loved	2. amavi	2. they have sailed	navigaverunt
you (p) have guarded	3. servavistis	3. I have worked	laboravi
they have overcome	4. superaverunt	4. she has given	dedit
hsi has walked	5. ambulavit	5. you (p) have prepared	paravistis
you have prayed	6. oravisti	6. he has washed	lavit
they have given	7. dederunt	7. it has helped	juvit
I have erred	8. erravi	8. I have told	narravi
you (p) have stood	9. stetistis	9. they have shouted	clamaverunt
hsi has praised	10. laudavit	10. we have fought	pugnávimus