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The Dauntless Three  
from  
*Horatius at the Bridge*

# UNIT I

## VERBS

### 1ST CONJUGATION AND SUM

### PRESENT SYSTEM



#### **Romulus, Remus, and the She-wolf**

Capitoline Museums, Rome

This iconic statue of the ancient city of Rome depicts the twin brothers, Romulus and Remus, suckled by a she-wolf. The myth that the Romans were descended from ancestors so fierce and courageous they were raised by a she-wolf fits the national character of Rome, a city chosen by destiny to conquer and rule the world. Romulus founded Rome and became her first king, giving Rome its name.

# LESSON I

**In choro recitemus.** *Let us recite together.*

## First Conjugation - Present Tense

Person	<i>present stem</i> <b>ama-</b>		Plural	
	Singular			
1st	<b>am-o</b>	<b>I</b> love	<b>ama-mus</b>	<b>we</b> love
2nd	<b>ama-s</b>	<b>you</b> (sing.) love	<b>ama-tis</b>	<b>you</b> (pl.) love
3rd	<b>ama-t</b>	<b>he, she, it</b> loves	<b>ama-nt</b>	<b>they</b> love

- ◆ **Amo** is our model to study *1st Conjugation* verbs.
- ◆ In the conjugation chart above the Latin *personal endings*, *o, s, t, mus, tis, nt*, are in bolded blue. The Latin personal endings correspond to the English personal pronouns.
- ◆ The *present tense* is formed by adding the personal endings to the *present stem*, **ama**.
- ◆ To find the *present stem* of each vocabulary word, drop the **o** and add **a**, the *stem vowel* of the first conjugation.<sup>2</sup>

## Vocabulary

Latin	English	Derivatives
<b>amo</b>	I love, like	<i>amorous, amateur</i>
<b>do</b>	I give	<i>donate</i>
<b>lavo</b>	I wash	<i>lavatory</i>
<b>nato</b>	I swim	<i>natatorium</i>
<b>oro</b>	I beg, pray	<i>orator</i>
<b>paro</b>	I prepare	<i>preparation</i>
<b>porto</b>	I carry	<i>portable</i>
<b>servo</b>	I guard, keep	<i>conservation</i>
<b>sto</b>	I stand	<i>status</i>
<b>voco</b>	I call	<i>vocation, vocal</i>

- ◆ There are three persons in grammar. Below are the English pronouns and the corresponding Latin personal endings. Notice that English has only one word for the singular and plural **you**.

	SINGULAR		PLURAL	
First Person (person speaking)	<i>I</i>	<i>o/m</i>	<i>we</i>	<i>mus</i>
Second Person (person spoken to)	<i>you (sing.)</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>you (pl.)</i>	<i>tis</i>
Third Person (person spoken about)	<i>he, she, it</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>they</i>	<i>nt</i>

- ◆ The Latin present tense corresponds to the English *simple present*, *progressive present*, and *emphatic present*. In English **amo** can mean:

I love	simple present
I am loving	progressive present
I do love	emphatic present

### Oral Drill

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>amant</b>   | 1. he is swimming   |
| 2. <b>portat</b>  | 2. they pray        |
| 3. <b>servo</b>   | 3. she washes       |
| 4. <b>natamus</b> | 4. you are guarding |
| 5. <b>lavas</b>   | 5. he does give     |
| 6. <b>oratis</b>  | 6. we carry         |
| 7. <b>dat</b>     | 7. you (p) like     |
| 8. <b>stant</b>   | 8. we are calling   |
| 9. <b>paramus</b> | 9. you stand        |
| 10. <b>vocas</b>  | 10. they prepare    |

## LESSON II

### Stabat Mater *The Mother was Standing*

#### First Conjugation - Imperfect Tense

*present stem*      **ama-**

Singular		Plural	
<b>ama-bam</b>	I was loving	<b>ama-bamus</b>	we were loving
<b>ama-bas</b>	you were loving	<b>ama-batis</b>	you were loving
<b>ama-bat</b>	he, she, it was loving	<b>ama-bant</b>	they were loving

- ◆ The *imperfect tense* sign is **ba**. The *imperfect tense* is formed by adding the *imperfect tense endings*, **bam, bas, bat, bamus, batis, bant**, to the present stem, **ama**.
- ◆ *Imperfect* in Latin means *not finished*. The imperfect tense is used to describe an ongoing, repeated, habitual, or interrupted past action. It is never used to describe a single completed past action. Here are some examples of the imperfect tense in English.

I was calling you when the doorbell rang.  
I used to call home every week.

*interrupted*  
*repeated*

#### Vocabulary

Latin	English	Derivatives
<b>aro</b>	I plow	<i>arable</i>
<b>clamo</b>	I shout	<i>clamor</i>
<b>erro</b>	I err, wander	<i>erroneous</i>
<b>juvo</b>	I help	<i>adjutant</i>
<b>laudo</b>	I praise	<i>laudable</i>
<b>narro</b>	I tell	<i>narrator</i>
<b>opto</b>	I desire, wish	<i>option</i>
<b>pugno</b>	I fight	<i>pugnacious</i>
<b>specto</b>	I look at	<i>inspect</i>
<b>tempto</b>	I tempt	<i>temptation</i>