

## Capitulum XIX - Marītus et Uxor

### Imperfect Tense

The imperfect tense expresses continuous or customary action in the past. The “indicator” for the imperfect tense is *-bā-* inserted before the personal endings. Here are the full conjugations:

1st Conj.		2nd Conj.	
<i>amābam</i>	<i>amābāmus</i>	<i>monēbam</i>	<i>monēbāmus</i>
<i>amābās</i>	<i>amābātis</i>	<i>monēbās</i>	<i>monēbātis</i>
<i>amābat</i>	<i>amābant</i>	<i>monēbat</i>	<i>monēbant</i>

  

3rd Conj.		4th Conj.	
<i>ponēbam</i>	<i>ponēbāmus</i>	<i>audiēbam</i>	<i>audiēbāmus</i>
<i>ponēbās</i>	<i>ponēbātis</i>	<i>audiēbās</i>	<i>audiēbātis</i>
<i>ponēbat</i>	<i>ponēbant</i>	<i>audiēbat</i>	<i>audiēbant</i>

The passive voice of the imperfect tense is formed regularly with the passive personal endings (*-r, -ris, -tur, -mur, -mini, -ntur*).

1st Conj.		2nd Conj.	
<i>amābar</i>	<i>amābāmur</i>	<i>monēbar</i>	<i>monēbāmur</i>
<i>amābāris</i>	<i>amābāminī</i>	<i>monēbāris</i>	<i>monēbāminī</i>
<i>amābātur</i>	<i>amābantur</i>	<i>monēbātur</i>	<i>monēbantur</i>

  

3rd Conj.		4th Conj.	
<i>ponēbar</i>	<i>ponēbāmur</i>	<i>audiēbar</i>	<i>audiēbāmur</i>
<i>ponēbāris</i>	<i>ponēbātur</i>	<i>audiēbāris</i>	<i>audiēbāminī</i>
<i>ponēbatur</i>	<i>ponēbantur</i>	<i>audiēbatur</i>	<i>audiēbantur</i>

The imperfect tense of *sum, possum, and eō* are irregular:

<i>eram</i>	<i>erāmus</i>	<i>poteram</i>	<i>poterāmus</i>	<i>ībam</i>	<i>ībāmus</i>
<i>erās</i>	<i>erātis</i>	<i>poterās</i>	<i>poterātis</i>	<i>ībās</i>	<i>ībātis</i>
<i>erat</i>	<i>erant</i>	<i>poterat</i>	<i>poterant</i>	<i>ībat</i>	<i>ībant</i>

## Irregular Comparison of Adjectives

Four common adjectives have irregular comparison. These are *bonus*, *malus*, *magnus*, *parvus*, and *multī*:

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
<i>bonus, -a, -um</i>	<i>melior, melius</i>	<i>optimus, -a, -um</i>
<i>malus, -a, -um</i>	<i>pēior, pēius</i>	<i>pessimus, -a, -um</i>
<i>māgnus, -a, -um</i>	<i>māior, māius</i>	<i>māximus, -a, -um</i>
<i>parvus, -a, -um</i>	<i>minor, minus</i>	<i>minimus, -a, -um</i>
<i>multī</i> (many)	<i>plūrēs</i> (more)	<i>plūrīmī</i> (most)

## Irregular Adjectives *ūllus* and *tōtus*

Nine first and second declension adjectives are irregular, showing the pronominal declension (-*ius* in the genitive singular and -*i* in the dative singular). Two of them are introduced in this chapter: *ūllus, -a, -um* and *tōtus, -a, -um*. Here is the declension pattern:

	Singular			Plural		
	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom.	<i>tōtus</i>	<i>tōta</i>	<i>tōtum</i>	<i>tōtī</i>	<i>tōtae</i>	<i>tōta</i>
Gen.	<i>tōtīus</i>	<i>tōtīus</i>	<i>tōtīus</i>	<i>tōtōrum</i>	<i>tōtārum</i>	<i>tōtōrum</i>
Dat.	<i>tōtī</i>	<i>tōtī</i>	<i>tōtī</i>	<i>tōtīs</i>	<i>tōtīs</i>	<i>tōtīs</i>
Acc.	<i>tōtum</i>	<i>tōtam</i>	<i>tōtum</i>	<i>tōtōs</i>	<i>tōtās</i>	<i>tōta</i>
Abl.	<i>tōtō</i>	<i>tōtā</i>	<i>tōtō</i>	<i>tōtīs</i>	<i>tōtīs</i>	<i>tōtīs</i>

Here is the full list of adjectives which follow this pattern: *alius, alter* (gen. *alterīus*), *ūllus, nullus, ūnus, sōlus, neuter, uter* and *tōtus*.

## Declension of *ūnus, duō, trēs*

Cardinal numbers above *trēs* (except hundreds above 100) do not show case. The declension of *ūnus* is like that of *tōtus* (above). Here are the declensions of *duo* and *trēs*:

<i>duo</i>	<i>duae</i>	<i>duo</i>	<i>trēs</i>	<i>trēs</i>	<i>tria</i>
<i>duōrum</i>	<i>duārum</i>	<i>duōrum</i>	<i>trium</i>	<i>trium</i>	<i>trium</i>
<i>duōbus</i>	<i>duābus</i>	<i>duōbus</i>	<i>tribus</i>	<i>tribus</i>	<i>tribus</i>
<i>duōs</i>	<i>duās</i>	<i>duo</i>	<i>trēs</i>	<i>trēs</i>	<i>tria</i>
<i>duōbus</i>	<i>duābus</i>	<i>duōbus</i>	<i>tribus</i>	<i>tribus</i>	<i>tribus</i>

## Vocabulary

**uxor, -ōris** *f* wife

**coniūnx, coniūgis** *c* spouse

**amor, -ōris** *m* love

**pulchritūdō, -tūdinis** *f* beauty

**virgō, -inis** *f* maiden

**flōs, flōris** *m* flower

**plūres, -ium**, more

**plurīmī, -ōrum**, most

**dīves, -itis**, rich

**pauper, -eris**, poor

**miser, -era, -erum**, wretched

**gracilis, -e**, slender

**ōsculor, -ārī**, to kiss

**opus esse**, to be necessary

**tamen** *adv* however, nevertheless

**ergā** *prep* + *acc* towards