

Simple past tense Latin verbs

Just like in English, Latin uses the simple past tense to show actions that happened in the past and which are finished. In Latin simple past verbs, you'll quite often see a 'v' in the middle, followed by these endings to show who is doing the action of the verb:

i	isti	it	imus	istis	erunt
I	you	he she it	we	y'all	they

Exercise 1

Can you sort these Latin verbs into the correct tense box? The first two have been done for you.

~~cantavi~~

~~amo~~

simple past

cantavi

habitavisti

laboraverunt

servavi

ambulavistis

numeravit

pugnavi

salutavimus

present

amo

pugnamus

visitatis

amat

rogamus

finit

habitas

servo

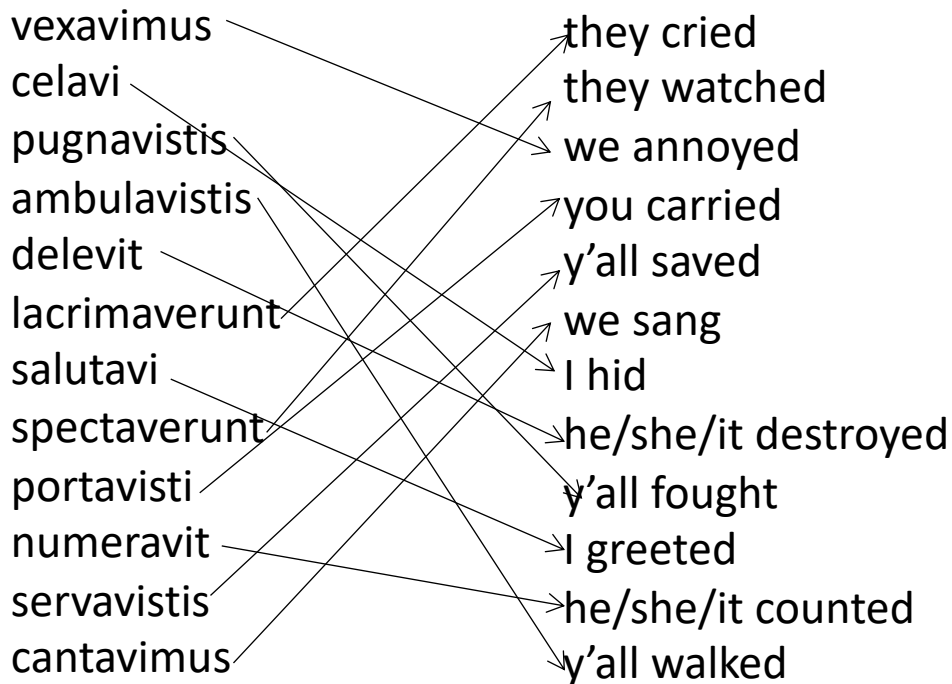
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Exercise 2

Can you match up the correct English translation to the Latin simple past tense verb? The first one has been done to show you how



Exercise 3

Translate these Latin sentences containing a simple past tense verb into English. The first one has been done for you.

1. rex urbem delevit.

The king destroyed the city.

2. infantes fabulam audiverunt.

The children heard the story.

3. gladium portavi.

I carried a sword.

4. pater matrem salutavit.

Dad greeted mum.

5. villam reginae visitavimus.

We visited the queen's house.