

Comparison of the Latin Verb Conjugations

In Latin, there are four verb conjugations. However, there are many third conjugation verbs ending in **-io** that will be treated separately, giving us a total of five categories. In this chart, **laudō**, **moneō**, **regō**, **capiō**, and **audiō** will serve as representatives of each type of verb.

	FIRST PERSON SINGULAR FORM (FIRST PRINCIPAL PART)	INFINITIVE FORM (SECOND PRINCIPAL PART)	PRESENT STEM	PRESENT TENSE FORMS		FUTURE TENSE FORMS	
FIRST CONJ.	laudō	laudāre	laudā-	laudō laudās laudat	laudāmus laudātis laudant	laudābō laudābis laudābit	laudābimus laudābitis laudābunt
SECOND CONJ.	moneō	monēre	monē-	moneō monēs monet	monēmus monētis monent	monēbō monēbis monēbit	monēbimus monēbitis monēbunt
THIRD CONJ.	regō	regere	rege-	regō regis regit	regimus regitis regunt	regam regēs reget	regēmus regētis regent
THIRD CONJ. (-IO)	capiō	capere	cape-	capiō capis capit	capimus capitis capit	capiam capies capiet	capiemus capietis capient
FOURTH CONJ.	audiō	audire	audī-	audiō audis audit	audīmus auditis audiunt	audiam audiēs audiet	audiēmus audiētis audient

Points to Remember:

- Get into the habit of memorizing all four principal parts of verbs, even if you don't understand what they are used for. You will need them later!
- When translating Latin, you must know what conjugation a verb is from in order to translate it correctly. You should be able to tell what conjugation a verb is from by looking at its first two principal parts (but especially the vowel which is the third letter from the end of the infinitive).
- In some third conjugation present tense forms, the vowel that comes right before the personal ending changes to the letter **i**, contrary to what you might expect by looking at the present stem (see green area of chart). You might expect it to be the letter **e**, which is the last letter of the present stem.
- The future tense forms of the third and fourth conjugations are indicated by a long **ē** or short **e** instead of **bi** (see blue area of chart).