



EQUUS



BRUTUS

## VERB TENSES

### INDICATIVE ACTIVE

**mordeō, mordēre, momordī, morsum** “to bite”

FUTURE: *action in the future* (“will VERB”).

equus Brūtum crās **mordēbit**.

The horse **will bite** Brutus tomorrow.

FUTURE PERFECT: *action complete in the future before some future event happens* (“will have VERBed”).

ubi equus Brūtum **momorderit**, deinde Brūtus  
equum pulsābit.

When the horse **will have bitten** Brutus, then  
Brutus will beat the horse.

PRESENT: *all action in the present* (“VERBs,” “does VERB,” “is VERBing”).

equus Brūtum **mordet**.

The horse **bites** Brutus.

IMPERFECT:

1. *action incomplete in the past when some other past event happens* (“was VERBing”).

cum equus Brūtum **mordēbat**, Brūtus equum  
pulsāvit.

When the horse **was biting** Brutus, Brutus beat  
the horse.

2. *repeated or habitual action in the past* (“used to VERB”).

cottīdiē equus Brūtum **mordēbat** merīdiē.

Every day the horse **used to bite** Brutus at noon.

3. *continuous action in the past* (“VERBed”).

equus Brūtum trēs horās **mordēbat**.

The horse **bit** Brutus for three hours.

PERFECT: *single action complete in the past* (“has VERBed” or simply “VERBed”).

equus Brūtum **momordit**.

The horse **has bitten** Brutus.  
The horse **bit** Brutus.

PLUPERFECT: *action complete in the past before some other past event happens* (“had VERBed”).

ubi equus Brūtum **momorderat**, deinde Brūtus  
equum pulsāvit.

When the horse **had bitten** Brutus, then Brutus  
hit the horse.