How to Conjugate and Translate the Irregular Verb sum and its Compounds

Video Transcript

Today, we're going to talk about how to conjugate an irregularly conjugated verb (sum) in the future tense, indicative mood, and active voice. In the future indicative active, compounds of sum are conjugated the same way.

Unlike the present tense of sum, the future of sum has the same stem (er) in all its forms. The endings for the future indicative active tense of sum are: o, is, it, imus, itis, and unt. All compounds of sum are formed in exactly the same way.

Singular

1st person  erō
2nd person  eris
3rd person  erit

Plural

1st person  erimus
2nd person  eritis
3rd person  erunt

After we've got our stem and we've added our endings, then we are ready to translate. So, here comes the translation:

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2nd person  eris  you will be
3rd person  erit  he/she/it/there will be

Plural  Translation
1st person  erimus  we will be
2nd person  eritis  you (all) will be
3rd person  erunt  they/there will be

Notice that in the third person singular and plural, we can have the word “there” before the verb if the context of the sentence indicates that this would be appropriate.

Alright, so that’s how you translate this verb. And notice in Latin, the ending tells who does the action, and the first part of the verb — the stem — gives the definition. So, erō, eris, erit, erimus, eritis, erunt. Let’s say those together: erō, eris, erit, erimus, eritis, erunt. One more time: erō, eris, erit, erimus, eritis, erunt.

Congratulations, you have just conjugated an irregular conjugation verb in the future indicative active!

One final note about the future indicative active of sum and its compounds. While we saw that the verb prosum had additional irregularities in the present indicative active, in the future indicative active prosum merely adds er and the endings to prod.

Singular  Translation
1st person  proderō  I will be useful
2nd person  proderis  you will be useful
3rd person  proderit  he/she/it will be useful

Plural  Translation
1st person  proderimus  we will be useful
2nd person  proderitis  you (all) will be useful
3rd person  proderunt  they will be useful

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