# Verb aspects

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| **Latin tense** | **Meaning or aspect** | **English tense** |
| Present | Action going on now | Present progressive: I am standing (now). |
| Action is generally true but not necessarily at this moment | Simple present: I stand here every day. |
| Imperfect | past action with no implication about continuation into the present | past progressive: You were studying at midnight (but no implication about whether you studied beyond that time). |
| continued action in the past | simple past + time expression (continually did . . .): He played basketball all through high school.  Quintus lived in Rome for many years. |
| repeated or habitual action in the past | simple past + adverb (did often or frequently, used to): I used to scold my children, but now I am kinder. She frequently went to the movies. We came to class every day last semester. |
| Perfect | snapshot: completed action | simple past: I saw an accident. I did (not) do it. |
| action finished at present or with results into the present | present perfect: I have met her (and therefore I know her now). He has died (and is dead now). |