

Caput VI – *Sum* and *Possum*

Review *sum, esse*:

Review Predicates:

SUM, ESSE: STEM: _____

Pers.	PRESENT	FUTURE	IMPERFECT
Singular			
1 st			
2 nd			
3 rd			
Plural			
1 st			
2 nd			
3 rd			

Future of *Sum, esse*:

- Combine the stem with the standard PIE thematic vowels (o/e/e/e/o) as a tense marker; allow for rhotacization
- Add the present system personal endings, the usual vowels undergo weakening

Imperfect of *Sum, esse*:

- Combine the stem with the tense marker “ā”; allow for rhotacization
- Add the present system personal endings, the usual vowels undergo shortening

POSSUM, POSSE: “to be able”**

- This verb is a combination of *sum, esse* and the prefix “pot-” (meaning: “able”, “have power”).
- If you know the forms of *sum, esse*, you already know the forms of *possum, posse*
- Just allow for assimilation of the “t” of “pot-” to **assimilate** when it meets an initial “s” in *sum, esse*

Complementary Infinitive:

Other Verbs that take a Comp. Inf.:

POSSUM, POSSE:

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Translating *sum* and *possum* in the Future and Imperfect:**Key Terms:***sum, esse**possum, posse*

Rhotacization

Assimilation

Complementary Infinitive

Predicate