

Perfect Passive and Pluperfect Passive

Up to now,

we have formed new tenses by

- using a **marker**
- which is **inserted** in the *middle* of the verb

e.g. **-ba-** Imperfect Tense marker

However,

to form the **Perfect Passive** and the **Pluperfect Passive**

- Latin uses an **auxiliary verb**.
- It is **tagged on** the *end* of the verb
- This is always part of the verb *esse* - "to be"

e.g. portatus_**est** he **has** been carried (speech) => he **was** carried (narrative) (**Perfect** Passive)

portatus_**erat** he **had** been carried (**Pluperfect** Passive)

As you can see,

- the **Perfect Passive** and **Pluperfect Passive** are formed of **two parts**
- the **two parts** of the **Perfect Passive** and the **Pluperfect Passive** are
 - **ppp**
 - **+ auxiliary from esse**

***** You must think of the two parts as a SINGLE_UNIT *****

when you

- read it in a passage
- translate it into English

***** Do *not* translate the auxiliary verb *by itself* *****

...or you will get the tense wrong!!!!

