

# LANGUAGE FACT I

## THE IRREGULAR VERBS *VOLŌ*, *NŌLŌ*, AND *MĀLŌ*

In the chapter reading passage, you read the following sentence.

*Cūr tot contentiōnibus et simultātibus haud ūtilibus, interesse voluisti?*

“Why did you want to participate in so many fights and not useful rivalries?”

The form *voluisti* is a perfect tense form from the irregular verb *volō, velle, voluī, —*, “to want.”

In the same passage, there is another sentence.

*Cūr dē virtūtibus verba semper ōrnātissima dīcēbās, sī tēmetipsum audire nōlēbās?*

“Why were you always speaking very ornate words about virtues, if you did not want to listen to yourself?”

The form *nōlēbās* is an imperfect tense form from the irregular verb *nōlō, nōlle, nōluī, —*, “not to want, be unwilling.”

There is one more irregular verb closely related to *volō*. It is the verb *mālō, mälle, māluī, —*, “to prefer.”

These three verbs do not belong to any conjugation, much in the same way the irregular verbs *sum* and *possum* do not belong to any conjugation. Also, like *sum* and *possum*, they have only an active voice.

### The Irregular Verbs *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

<i>volō, velle, voluī, —</i>	to want
<i>nōlō, nōlle, nōluī, —</i>	not to want, be unwilling
<i>mālō, mälle, māluī, —</i>	to prefer



### BY THE WAY

The verb *nōlō* is derived from the negative particle *nē-* and the verb *volō*. *Nōlō* is an antonym of *volō*. The verb *mālō* is derived from the adverb *magis* (“more,” “rather”) and the verb *volō*.

### Present Active Indicative of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

	Singular			Plural		
First person	<i>volō</i>	<i>nōlō</i>	<i>mālō</i>	<i>volumus</i>	<i>nolumus</i>	<i>mālumus</i>
Second person	<i>vīs</i>	<i>nōn vīs</i>	<i>māvīs</i>	<i>vultis</i>	<i>nōn vultis</i>	<i>māvultis</i>
Third person	<i>vult</i>	<i>nōn vult</i>	<i>māvult</i>	<i>volunt</i>	<i>nōlunt</i>	<i>mālunt</i>



### STUDY TIP

Do not confuse *vīs*, the second person singular of the present indicative that means “you wish,” and *vīs*, the noun that means “strength.” Context will help you differentiate between the two.

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### Present Active Subjunctive of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

	Singular			Plural		
First person	velim	nōlim	mālim	velimus	nōlimus	mālimus
Second person	velis	nōlis	mālis	velitis	nōlitis	mālitis
Third person	velit	nōlit	mālit	velint	nōlint	mālint

### Present Active Infinitive of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

velle                      nōlle                      mälle

### Present Imperative of *nōlō*

Singular	—	nōlī	—
Plural	—	nōlite	—



#### STUDY TIP

Note that the endings of the present subjunctive of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō* resemble the endings of the present subjunctive of *sum* and *possum*.

### Imperfect Active Indicative of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

	Singular			Plural		
First person	volēbam	nōlēbam	mālēbam	volēbāmus	nōlēbāmus	mālēbāmus
Second person	volēbās	nōlēbās	mālēbās	volēbātis	nōlēbātis	mālēbātis
Third person	volēbat	nōlēbat	mālēbat	volēbant	nōlēbant	mālēbant

### Imperfect Active Subjunctive of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

	Singular			Plural		
First person	vellēm	nōllēm	māllēm	vellēmus	nōllēmus	māllēmus
Second person	vellēs	nōllēs	māllēs	vellētis	nōllētis	māllētis
Third person	vellēt	nōllet	māllet	vellent	nōllent	māllent

### Future Active Indicative of *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō*

	Singular			Plural		
First person	volam	nōlam	mālam	volēmus	nōlēmus	mālēmus
Second person	volēs	nōlēs	mālēs	volētis	nōlētis	mālētis
Third person	volet	nōlet	mālet	volent	nōlent	malent

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In the imperfect and the future, *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō* behave exactly as if they were verbs of the third conjugation. In the imperfect subjunctive these three verbs behave like other verbs also—they feature the personal ending attached directly to the present active infinitive.



In the tenses formed from the perfect stem (perfect, pluperfect, future perfect), the irregular verbs *volō*, *nōlō*, and *mālō* conjugate as any other verb does. You just add to the perfect stem the endings you already know for these tenses.

Perfect Active Indicative of <i>volō</i> , <i>nōlō</i> , and <i>mālō</i>						
	Singular			Plural		
First person	voluī	nōluī	māluī	voluimus	nōluimus	māluimus
Second person	voluistī	nōluistī	māluistī	voluistis	nōluistis	māluistis
Third person	voluit	nōluit	māluit	voluērunt	nōluērunt	māluērunt

Perfect Active Subjunctive of <i>volō</i> , <i>nōlō</i> , and <i>mālō</i>						
	Singular			Plural		
First person	voluerim	nōluerim	māluerim	voluerimus	nōluerimus	māluerimus
Second person	volueris	nōlueris	mālueris	volueritis	nōlueritis	mālueritis
Third person	voluerit	nōluerit	māluerit	voluerint	nōluerint	māluerint

Perfect Active Infinitive of <i>volō</i> , <i>nōlō</i> , and <i>mālō</i>			
	voluisse	nōluisse	māluisse

Pluperfect Active Indicative of <i>volō</i> , <i>nōlō</i> , and <i>mālō</i>						
	Singular			Plural		
First person	volueram	nōlueram	mālueram	voluerāmus	nōluerāmus	māluerāmus
Second person	voluerās	nōluerās	māluerās	voluerātis	nōluerātis	māluerātis
Third person	voluerat	nōluerat	māluerat	voluerant	nōluerant	māluerant

Pluperfect Active Subjunctive of <i>volō</i> , <i>nōlō</i> , and <i>mālō</i>						
	Singular			Plural		
First person	voluissem	nōluissem	māluissem	voluissēmus	nōluissēmus	māluissēmus
Second person	voluissēs	nōluissēs	māluissēs	voluissētis	nōluissētis	māluissētis
Third person	voluisset	nōluisset	māluisset	voluissent	nōluissent	māluissent

Future Perfect Active Indicative of <i>volō</i> , <i>nōlō</i> , and <i>mālō</i>						
	Singular			Plural		
First person	voluerō	nōluerō	māluerō	voluerimus	nōluerimus	māluerimus
Second person	volueris	nōlueris	mālueris	volueritis	nōlueritis	mālueritis
Third person	voluerit	nōluerit	māluerit	voluerint	nōluerint	māluerint

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