The Perfect Subjunctive

The Perfect Subjunctive, active and passive, are used only in the Primary Sequence of Tenses, and do not appear in Purpose or Result Clauses. The English helping verb phrase to translate the Perfect Subjunctive is always *may have*. The Latin formation rule is very simple.

**Perfect Active Subjunctive:** Use the perfect active stem (third principal part minus –*i*); add the sign –*eri*- for all forms; add the personal endings beginning with –*m*.

voco, vocare, *vocavi*, vocatus, call:

- *vocaverim* (I may have called)
- *vocaveris* (you may have called)
- *vocaverit* (he, she, it may have called)
- *vocaverimus* (we may have called)
- *vocaveritis* (you may have called)
- *vocaverint* (they may have called)
moneo, monere, *monui*, monitus, warn:

monuerim (I may have warned)
monueris (you may have warned)
monuerit (he, she, it may have warned)
monuerimus (we may have warned)
monueritis (you may have warned)
monuerint (they may have warned)

rego, regere, *rex*, rectus, rule:

rexerim, etc.

capio, capere, *cepi*, captus, take:

ceperim, etc.

audio, audire, *audivi*, auditus, hear:

audiverim, etc.
The Perfect Subjunctive of all irregular verbs is formed identically. *NOTA BENE:* Remember that in the perfect system, the conjugation number of a verb, and whether or not the verb is regular, do not matter.

**possum, posse, potui, ---, be able:**
- potuerim, etc.

**transfero, transferre, transtuli, translatus, carry across:**
- transtulerim, etc.

(Note that most of the forms of the Perfect Active Subjunctive are identical to the Future Perfect Active Indicative; they are distinguishable by the type of subordinate clause they are used in.)

**Perfect Passive Subjunctive:** The formation rule is in theory the same rule used for the Perfect Passive Indicative:

Perfect Passive Participle (fourth principal part + the present tense of *sum*).

For the Perfect Passive Subjunctive, the present subjunctive of *sum* is used:

- vocatus *sim* (I may have been called)
- vocati *sint* (they may have been called)
Quiz #7: Vocabulary words on the Words to Master list on Page 94.