

Impersonal Verbs

There is a group of verbs which, in form, exist only in the third person singular of the various tenses, and in the infinitive. These verbs have no subject, either expressed or understood, and thus they are said to be 'impersonal'. In the Active Voice, we find such verbs used to express:

- operations of nature
- mental distress
- acts considered merely as acts, without reference to a doer of the act.

Present	English	Pres Infinitive	Perf Indicative
ACCIDIT	"It happens"	ACCIDERE	ACCIDIT
CONSTAT	"It is apparent/obvious"	CONSTARE	CONSTITUIT
DECET	"It is fitting"	DECERE	DECUIT
EVENIT	"It happens, It turns out that"	EVENIRE	EVENIT
IUVAT	"It is a pleasure"		
LICET	"It is permitted/lawful"	LICERE	LICUIT
OPORTET	"It is desirable/proper"	OPORTERE	OPORTUIT
PLACET	"It is pleasing"	PLACERE	PLACUIT
PLUIT	It is raining"		
PUDET	"It is a shame that..."	PUDERE	PUDUIT
TONAT	"It thunders"	TONARE	TONUIT

Indicative

Pres	...	tonat	oportet	decet	accidit	evenit
Impf	<i>was</i>	tonabat	oportebat	decebat	accidebat	eveniebat
Fut	<i>will</i>	tonabit	oportebit	decebit	accidet	eveniet
Perf	<i>has/have</i>	tonuit	oportuit	decuit	accidit	evenuit
Plupf	<i>had</i>	tonuerat	oporterat	decuerat	acciderat	evenuerat
Fut Perf	<i>will have</i>	tonuerit	oportuerit	decuerit	acciderit	evenuerit

Subjunctive

Pres	tonet	oporteat	deceat	accidat	eveniat
Impf	tonaret	oporteret	deceret	accideret	eveniret
Perf	tonuerit	oportuerit	decuerit	acciderit	evenerit
Plupf	tonuisset	oportuisset	decuisset	acciduisset	evenisset