

NOTES: Possum (Jenney Lesson 32)

The verb **possum** (a compound of *potis* and *sum*) means “to be able.”

- PRINCIPAL PARTS: possum, posse, potui, (no 4th pp)
- The stem is **pot-** for ALL forms except **present** 1st sg., 1st pl., and 3rd pl (these use **pos-** as stem)
- There is **NO PASSIVE FORM** (like **sum**)
- Often paired with a complementary infinitive —> Possum currere celeriter! “I am able to run quickly!”

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	PRESENT SG		PRESENT PL	
1st		I am able		
2nd				
3rd				

	IMPF SG		IMPF PL	
1st		I was able		
2nd				
3rd				

	FUT SG		FUT PL	
1st		I will be able		
2nd				
3rd				

	PERFECT (have/has been able)	PLUPERFECT (had been able)	FUT PERFECT (WILL have been able)
1	potuī	potueram	potuero
2	potuistī	potuerās	potueris
3	potuit	potuerat	potuerit
1	potuimus	potuerāmus	potuerimus
2	potuistis	potuerātis	potueritis
3	potuērunt	potuerant	potuerint