

THE VERB

The INFINITIVE: to work, to think, to imagine, to love, to be, to have/ dolgozni, gondolni/gondolkozni, elképzelni, szeretni, lenni, birtokolni

CONJUGATION:

the –NI ending is dropped and replaced by TRANSITIVE or INTRANSITIVE verb endings to suit SINGULAR or PLURAL persons. There are 5 levels of SINGULAR PERSONS and 5 levels of PLURAL PERSONS.

Eg. TRANSITIVE and INTRANSITIVE Conjugations of a verb in the PRESENT INDICATIVE

TRANSITIVE=verb must be followed by a DEFINITE OBJECT	In Hungarian the verb ending by itself clearly states/explicits the person(actor), so the express announcing of the PERSON BEFORE the conjugated verb is only used in Hungarian in emphatic context			
	English	HU Transitive	Hu Intransitive	Comment
1 st person singular	I think	Én látom	Én látok	
2 nd person singular	you think	Te látod	Te láatsz or látol	One YOU /Friendly/ intimate but can also be demeaning/offensive
YOU singular formal /polite	You think	Ön látja	Ön lát	very formal social context
YOU singular common /polite	You think	Maga látja	Maga lát	Polite but commonly used for adulthood persons
3 rd person singular	he/she/it thinks	Ő/az látja	Ő lát	
1 st person plural	We think	Mi látjuk	Mi látunk	
2 nd person plural	YOUs think	Ti látjátok	Ti láttok	YOUs = many you, a group
YOU plural formal /polite	YOUs think	Önök látják	Önök látnak	very formal social context
YOU plural common /polite	YOUs think	Maguk látják	Maguk látnak	Polite but commonly used for adulthood persons
3 rd person plural	they think	Ők látják	Ők látnak	

THE MAIN considerations for THE VERB:

1., Present Tense

2., Past Tense

3., Future Tense

4., Present Participle

5., Past Participle

TYPES:

TRANSITIVE verb: it **needs** an OBJECT.

1., The **ACTIVE** verb form is **used most actively** in Hungarian: The dog ate the dinner. He taught me Hungarian.

2., **PASSIVE** form of verb is **not a preferred option** In Hungarian : The dinner was eaten by the dog. I was taught Hungarian by him.

INTRANSITIVE verb: it **does not need** an OBJECT.

S = SN+V (Sentence= SubjectNoun +Verb)

1., The Sun shines. / A Nap süt. The cows ruminate./A tehének kérődznek. The wolves howl./A farkasok üvöltenek.

INFINITIVE:

TENSE:

PRESENT INDICATIVE:

PERFECT TENSE:

Eg.

He wrote a long letter. Írt egy hosszú levelet.

PARTICIPLES:

PRESENT: He is **writing**. / Éppen ír.

PAST: It is **written** down/ Le van írva.

FUTURE: will/ shall + verb/ fog (conjugated) + verb

MOOD:

SUBJUNCTIVE:

Eg.

The Speaker of the House of Commons asks the Member of London that he **LEAVE** the floor.

English	Hu Subjunctive Intransitive	Hu Subjunctive Transitive	Comment
I must/have to read.	Kell hogy olvassak	El kell hogy olvassam	
You must/have to read.	Kell hogy olvassál	El kell hogy olvassad	
He/she/It must/has to read.	Kell hogy olvasson	El kell hogy olvassa	Őn and Maga will have these same endings
We must/have to read.	Kell hogy olvassunk	El kell hogy olvassuk	
You must/have to read.	Kell hogy olvassatok	El kell hogy olvassátok	
They must/have to read.	Kell hogy olvassanak	El kell hogy olvassák	Őnök and Maguk will have these same endings

IMPERATIVE: has only an implied SUBJECT (actor)

Sentence pattern almost across all languages:

1., verb only

2., verb +Predicate

Eg.

Get out!/ Takarodj! Menj ki innen!, Stop arguing!/ Ne vitatkozz!, Finish your meal immediately!/Fejezd be az evést azonnal! Azonnal hagyd abba az evést!

CONDITIONAL: verb +conditional +conjugated ending

Eg.

olvasnék/ szeretnék olvasni

AUXILIARY verbs

or helping verbs **are not used in Hungarian**. Instead the TIME is expressed by a TIME ADVERB.

Present and past Continuous

To be + main verb form:

Eg.

She **is** singing a song. **Éppen most** énekel egy dalt.

He **was eating** when his phone rang out./ **Éppen evett**, amikor a telefonja csörgött.

To have +main verb form:

Past Perfect:

Eg.

She **had learned** to sing, before she **got** a job in the Opera. / **Megtanult** énekelni, mielőtt munkát **kapott** az Operában.

Present Perfect:

Eg.

She **has** phoned me. **Éppen most/Nem régen /Az imént** telefonált nekem.

FUTURE:

HU: fog conjugated + infinitive of verb OR majd + present tense

English: Will/shall + verb form

I **will** sleep eight hours tonight./ Nyolc órát **fogok** aludni ma éjjel.

I shall do it next week. **Majd** megcsinálom a jövő héten.