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Rules on the formation of tenses  
Tables for reference

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## PREFACE

The greater part of this book is for reference only, and in common with others in our 'Simplified' and 'Three Months' series its object is to save the student's time by giving no rules other than those actually necessary.

The models of regular verbs (pages 10-11) should be learned first of all. When the regular verbs have been mastered, the irregular ones should present little difficulty.

No English for the subjunctive should be learned. The translation usually given—'that I may speak' or 'might speak'—is most misleading and often absolutely wrong. The only safe way is to learn when to use it.

Fuller conjugations of the compound tenses, and of the negative and interrogative forms, are omitted because they require no learning whatever. Some publications treat them exhaustively and only succeed in disheartening the student. Their formation is precisely the same throughout every verb in the language—learn one and you have learned them all.

Where necessary, we show which syllable takes the stress by placing a dot under the vowel concerned (as in *parlano*, *they speak*). This dot is, of course, not used in written Italian.

We believe that this book will be found a great help to the beginner who has not yet mastered Italian verbs, and an invaluable reference book for the more advanced student.

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