Characteristics of Verbs

Both English and Latin verbs have 5 characteristics:

1. person – the subject from the speaker's point of view
   - 1st I, we
   - 2nd you
   - 3rd he, she, it, they

2. number – number of subject
   - singular
   - plural
Verbs (cont’d)

3. tense – time of the action
   * Latin has 6 tenses
     * present
     * imperfect
     * future
     * perfect
     * pluperfect
     * future perfect

4. voice – whether the subject performs or receives action
   * active
   * passive
Verbs (cont’d)

5. mood – manner of indicating action or state of being
   - indicative – indicates facts
   - imperative – gives a command
   - subjunctive – hypothetical, potential, etc.