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Àia a esser istadu (I would have been)(I-had to be been)

Dias aer' finidu (I would have finished [it])

Aias de aer' finidu (You would have finished [it])

Si diamus esser bennidos dae prima tottu custu burdellu non fit capitadu. (Had we come earlier, this whole mess would not have happened.)(If we-had been come from before all this mess not had

happened.)

Chi dias àer finidu su trabagliu dae deris sero l'aias nadu, ma non l'as finidu. (You said that you would have finished the work yesterday evening, but you have not finished it.)(That you-would have finished the work from yesterday evening it you-had said, but not it you-have finished.)

Note that in the Logudorese Sardinian, the pluperfect and the present subjunctive in the function of conditional are slowly replacing the use of the past conditional.

Si fimus bennidos dae prima tottu custu burdellu non fit capitadu. (If we had come... etc.)

Chi aias finidu su trabagliu dae deris sero, l'aias nadu, ma non l'as finidu. (That you had finished... etc.)

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### S'imperativu The imperative

The imperative is the verbal mode used to express eg. an order, a proposition, an invitation, a prohibition.

In Sardinian, the imperative distinguish between the singular and the plural.

#### Imperative present

Appas (have!) (sing.)

Sias (be!) (pl.)

Faedda cando ti lu narana. (Speak, when they ask you to.)

Anda e non che torres pius. (Go and never come back.) (sing.)

Anda in bonora! (Good luck!)(Go in a good hour.)

Sias siguru de te. (Be confident in yourself.)

Benide crasa. (Come tomorrow.) (pl.)

Non benzas crasa. (Do not come tomorrow.) (sing.)

Non sias maccu. Beni innoghe. (Don't act so crazy. Come here)(Not be crazy. Come here).

# Imperative future

The imperative future in Sardinian is composed by the indicative present of the auxiliary verb aere (to have) and the preposition a (to) and the infinitive of the verb that is to be conjugated.

As a essere, as a finire, as a faeddare (you will be, you will finish, you will talk)

As a finire cando as tempus. (You will finish sooner or later.)(You-have to finish when you-have time). NOTE: "have to" does not equal the English expression "to have to".

As a faeddare si no as perdidu sa limba. (You will talk if you have not lost your toungue.)(You-have to talk if not you-have lost the language.)

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### **Modos indefinidos**

#### **Indetermined modes**

# Infinidu Infinitive

The infinitive has two verbal tenses; the present and the past. The infinitive expresses the significans of the verb. In Sardinian, it is used, other than for the composition of independent propositions, also for the construction of a verbal time:

Future, with the present infinitive Appo a bessire (I shall go out)(I-have to go-out)

Present conditional, with the present infinitive Dio narrere (I shall say)

Future perfect, with the present infinitive of the auxiliary verb At a esser tuccadu (He will have left)(He-has to be left) At 'aer manigadu (He will have eaten)(He-has to have eaten)

Past conditional, with the present infinitive of the auxiliary verb (or with the past infinitive of the conjugated verb)

Dio aere domadu ???
Dias essere istadu (You should have been)(You-shall be been)

Future imperative, with the present infinitive As a faeddare (You will speak)(You-have to speak)

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#### Participiu presente Present participium

The present participium is only emerging with the value of an adjective or of a noun.

Tribagliante, balente, bastante (working/ "of work", valuing/ "of value", "of sufficiency")

Fit bastante solu a isse. (He had enough in himself.)(He-was of sufficiency only to himself.)

## Participiu passadu

Past participium

The past participium is usually connected to the auxiliary verbs aere (to have) and essere (to be). With the forms of these verbs, it builds the composed tenses.

With the verb essere, the participle is concording with the gender and with the singular or plural of the noun it is referring to.

**Examples:** 

Bi so and and u ma issos non bi fin pius. (I went there, but they where no longer there.)(There I-am

gone but they not there where anymore.)

Issa fit andada a su cinema. (She had gone to the cinema.)

Dae poi non bi sezis pius andados, beru? (But you never went there afterwards, right?)(From then not there you-were [pl.] anymore gone, true?)

With the verb aere (to have) the participle as a general rule remains unaltered. Examples:

A cust'ora dio aer appidu famine si non aere merendadu. (At this hour I would have been hungry if I had not eaten.)(At this hour I have had hunger if not I have eaten.) NOTE: the verbal mode is here in the indicative.

A cust'ora diazis aer appidu famine si non aiazis merendadu. (At this hour you would have been hungry, had you not eaten.)(At this hour you-would-have have had hunger if not you-would-have eaten.) NOTE: the verbal mode is here in the subjunctive.

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#### Gerundiu Gerundium

The gerundium is used in several ways: The way in wich you act to complete an action. Example:

Si ch'est andadu pianghende. (He went away crying.)(Himself from-there is gone crying.)

The means you use for an action. Example:

S'imparat solu fattende. (You only learn by doing.)(You-learn only doing.) NOTE: "si" corresponds the impersonal "you" in this example.

The occation or the circumstances in which the action is happening. Example:

Bessende dae domo imbico sempre a Bustianu. (Going out, I always meet Sebastian.)(Going-out from home I-meet always to Sebastian.)

The cause that determines the action. Example:

Essende malaidu s'est istadu in su lettu. (Being ill, he stayed in bed.)(Being ill [to-himself] he-is been in the bed.)

The necessary condition that should verify itself in a coming event. Example:

Torrende a comintzare dae nou lu dia fagher menzus. (Starting over, I should be able to do it better.)(Returning to start from new it I-should do better.)

The gerundium is also used in the construction of the periphratic phrases after the present and the imperfect indicative of the auxiliary verb essere. Examples:

Est movende como dae domo. (He is now moving out from his house.)(He-is moving now from home.)

So andende a cugumeddare. (I am about to go and collect mushrooms.)(I-am going to mushroom-

collect.)

Sometimes the auxiliary verb is omitted. This happens in the familiar speach, when eg. two neighbours meet as they return home: Ghirande? Ghirande! (Reentering? reentering!)

The same use of gerundium is also seen in simple questions: Chirchende? Aisettende? Istudiende? Fuende? (Searching? Waiting? Studying? Escaping?)

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