

WOLFGANG DE MELO

Early Latin

Morphosyntactic Structures – Part 5: Clause II



AcP and Acl in English

- I saw HIM COMING.
- I saw HIM COME.
- I believe HIM TO BE CLEVER.

Latin AcP and AcI

- *Sed quid **currentem servom** a portu conspico?*
(Plaut. Merc. 109)
- *Video **recipere** se senem.* (Plaut. Aul. 710)
- *Credo edepol equidem **dormire solem***
(Plaut. Amph. 282)

Tenses

- Perfect: *amavisse* *amatum esse*
- Present: *amare* *amari*
- Future: *amaturum esse* *amatum iri*

Pre-Latin infinitives

- Past: active and passive
- Non-past: active and passive
- NO special future infinitives

A contrast:

Plaut. Most. 633:

*Dic **te daturum**, ut abeat. – Egon dicam **dare**?*

Telicity

- Telic:

John is running home.

Test: John stopped running home. => He hasn't reached home.

- Atelic:

John is running.

Test: John stopped running. => He has already run.

Omission of subject accusatives: active

- Perfect: omission = rare
- Present: omission = rare
- Future: omission = common

Omission of subject accusatives: passive

- Perfect: omission = common
- Present: omission = rare
- Future: omission = rare