

And here are some Hebrew verbs...taken from Psalm 23 on page 19...just for you to look at and get a note or so from the instructor.

אָחַזְרָה	1 sg. Impf.	"Ilack"	v. 1.
יְשׁוּבֵנוּ	3 sg. m. impf	"he.....restore"	v. 3
תִּשְׂרֹף	2 sg m. inpf	"you...put out"	v. 5
דִּשַׁנְתָּ	2 sg m. pf.	"you....anointed"	v. 5
וְשִׁבְתִּי	1 sg. pf.	"I...will dwell"	

There are, of course, many other verbs in the text and I have selected those that can be seen plainly...does that scare you a litte? No need for alarm but sometimes a verb will have another suffix for a pronoun like "you", for instance, and one may have to look at the verb twice to be sure what one sees.

B. Hebrew Verb Tenses (and there are only three!)

1. The PERFECT tense...indicates something as being complete without respect of time.
2. The IMPERFECT tense..indicates something as being incomplete without respect of time.

Now, naturally, most perfects will refer to past events and most imperfects will refer to future events. But do not let the ideas of "past" and/or "future" govern your thinking. Think in terms of what is complete and what is incomplete. That will give you a better appreciation for the verb in a positive way.

3. The IMPERATIVE tense indicates command or request, among other things. It is really part of the imperfect system, indicating incompleteness and is always in the second person.