

three tenses (present, past and future) in each of the three moods (indicative, subjunctive I and subjunctive II or hypothetical).

In a main clause, the conjugated verb is placed second in a statement and first in a question. In a subordinate clause, the conjugated verb is at the very end. At the beginning are the complementary elements for everything that follows. (For example: "er erzählte dass er, für einen Augenblick seinem Freund die Hand auf die Schulter gelegt hatte – he related that he, for a moment, of his friend his hand on the shoulder had laid – he related that he had momentarily laid his hand on his friend's shoulder").