VERBS of SAYING in ANCIENT GREEK

Forms in bold are the most common in Attic Greek for each tense.

Present Tense
- λέγω
- φημί (φημί*, φής, φησί*, φαμέν*, φατέ*, φασί* *= enclitic)
  - οὐ φημί = refuse, deny, say that something is not so
  - φάσκω = assert, say often
- ἦμι "I say" ἦσί "s/he says"
  - o only 1st sg and 3rd sg forms exist; used only parenthetically
- εἴρω (Homeric; mostly in middle)
  - ἔρωμαι and ἔρωτάω "ask" in Attic
- λαλέω = babble (Attic), speak (koine)
- ἀγορεύω = proclaim

Imperfect Tense
- λέγω ἔλεγον κτλ
- φημί ἔφην, ἔφησα/ἔφης, ἔφη, ἔφαμεν, ἔφατε, ἔφασαν
  - φάσκω ἔφασκον κτλ
- ἦν "I said" and ἦ "s/he said"
- λαλέω ἔλαλουν
- ἀγορεύω ἴγορευον

Future Tense
- λέγω λέξω
- φημί φήσω κτλ
- εἴρω ἔρω
- λαλέω λαλήσω

Aorist Tense
- λέγω ἔλεξα
- φημί ἔφησα
- ἔπω ἐπον
  - o this verb attested only in aorist tense
- λαλέω ἐλάλησα

Perfect Tense
- λέγω λέλεγμαι κτλ (exists only in middle)
- φημί πεφάσθω "let it be said"
  - o 3rd sg imperative passive is only form attested in this tense
- εἴρω εἰρήκα
- λαλέω λελάληκα