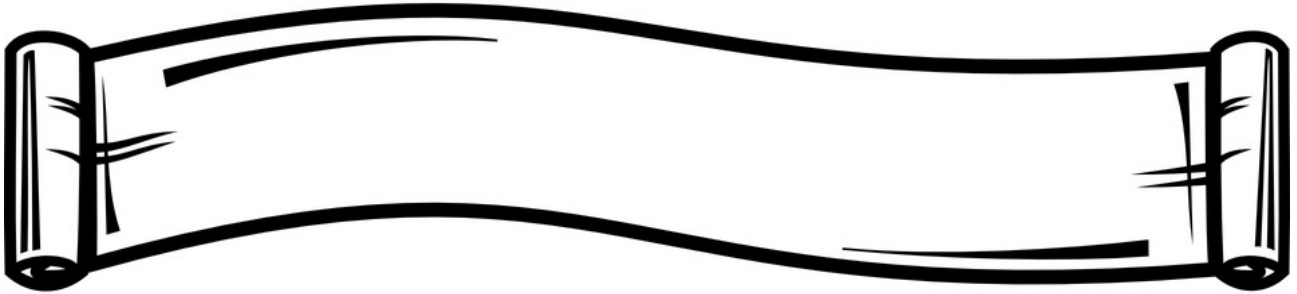


Year 2 Term 1 Week 10 Day 1  
Grammar: Second conjugation verbs  
and a peep at the passive voice



*Latin Without Tears* pages 153-157a give further practice in second conjugation verbs. Both *docere*, *videre* are on the IGCSE list so you can add them to your notebook. Notice the instruction to write the six tense of each verb out on a slate! You will probably prefer to do this on paper! Do not forget to chant your way through these verbs.

*videre*

Bible example:

*et dixit ad me, "quid tu vides?" et dixi ego, "video volumen volans longitudo eius viginti cubitorum et latitudo eius decem cubitorum" Zechariah 5:2*

This is Zechariah's vision of the flying (sc)roll (*volumen volans*). The prophet gives the dimensions of what he sees and you will notice that the Latin words he uses are related to words we still use today to describe the dimensions of the whole earth! I think you will be able to guesslate this text. As usual, look it up in your Bible to see if you got it right.

*Docere*

Bible example:

*et ipse docebat in synagogis eorum et magnificabatur ab omnibus* John 4:15

the subject here (*ipse* "himself" i.e. "he") is the Lord Jesus. Notice the *ur* ending of *magnificabatur*. *Magnificabat* is "he was magnifying (exalting, praising)" or "he magnified." When you see *ur* on the end of a verb it usually means the verb is passive. That is the subject receives the action rather than doing it so *magnificabatur* is "he was magnified" or "he was being magnified." Now you know this useful bit of information you can be on the lookout for passive verbs. *Ab omnibus* who Jesus was being magnified by. Have a stab at this and check your answer.