

Year 2 Term 1 Week 6 Day 1
Grammar: More Nouns of the Third Declension
and the Infinitive



Latin Without Tears pages 129-131 can be found on volume 8 of the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive. These pages make good revision practice. There is a variety of tenses, the occasional infinitive and some useful vocabulary much of which you already know. Go through the exercise carefully. Use the given translation as a guide but remember it will not have correct word order. By now you will be quite good at guessing Latin words (!) but if there is one you do not know and cannot guess use a dictionary – an on-line one such as Wiktionary will do. Keep listening to the audio to make sure of pronunciation. Keep up with your chants and vocabulary notebook. By the end of the course you should know all the vocabulary and chants so keep practising and testing yourself as we go along.

dux, ducis leader, commander, guide

Bible example:

*ecce, testem populis dedi eum **ducem** ac praeceptorem gentibus* Isaiah 55:4

God is speaking here. *Dedi* is “I have given.”

Which words in the text are related to the English words: gentiles, preceptor, population, testimony?

eques, equitis m. cavalryman, rider; pl. cavalry

Bible example:

*a voce **equitis** et mittentis sagittam fugit omnis civitas ingressi sunt ardua* Jeremiah 4:29a

This is a hard example so just look it up notice the use of the genitive.

I'm not sure how accurate the Roman cavalry re-enactors are in the picture above. They certainly have one thing right though. What do you notice that they do not have that modern equestrians use?
Answer on last page.

They have no stirrups. Roman cavalry did not have them. They were not used in Europe before the late 8th Century.