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Ōlim Rōmānī oppidum parvum habitābant. Nunc magna et splendida est Rōma ; magnae et lātae sunt oppidī viae. In angulīs viārum rosae sunt ; Rōmānī templīs et monumentīs viās ornant. Ōlim in Forō Rōmānō templa multa et splendida erant. Cotīdiē virī Rōmānī in Forō ambulābant. Albae erant togae virōrum, sed rubrae et caeruleae et croceae erant pallae fēminārum. Arae quoque in Forō erant. In ārīs Rōmānī victimās multās Deīs Rōmānīs mactābant. Nōn iam templa sunt in Forō Rōmānō. Nōn iam mactant Rōmānī victimās in ārīs. Sed etiam nunc pulchrum est Forum Rōmānum. Multae sunt ruīnae ; rosae multae inter ruīnās sunt. Inter ruīnās et rosās lacertae parvae properant. Pulchrae et iūcundae sunt lacertae. Cicādae quoque undique cantant. Lacertīs et cicādīs grātum est caelum caeruleum.

Watch out for changes of tense in this week's little passage. *Habitabant* is literally “were living” but you can see that in English “lived” is more appropriate. Have a shot before looking at my attempt on the last page. Get in touch if you disagree with my translation or don't understand how I arrived at it. Have you remembered to write on alternate lines?



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- āra**, -ae, *f.*—altar.
canto, 1—I sing.
cicāda, -ae, *f.*—grasshopper.
croceus, -a, -um—yellow.
deus, -i, *m.*—god.
fēmina, -ae, *f.*—woman.
forum, -i, *n.*—forum, market-
 place.
inter, *prep. gov. acc.*—between,
 among.
iūcundus, -a, -um—pleasant.
lacerta, -ae, *f.*—lizard.
lātus, -a, -um—wide, broad.
macto, 1—I offer up, slay.
monumentum, -i, *n.*—monu-
 ment.
nōn iam—no longer.
ōlim—one day, once upon a
 time.
palla, -ae, *f.*—cloak.
Rōma, -ae, *f.*—Rome.
Rōmānus, -i, *m.*—a Roman.
ruīna, -ae, *f.*—ruin.
templum, -i, *n.*—temple.
toga, -ae, *f.*—toga, the dress of
 the Roman men.
undique—on every side, from all
 sides.
victima, -ae, *f.*—victim.
vir, -i, *m.*—man, hero, husband.

Once the Romans lived in a small town. Now Rome is big and splendid; the streets of the town are big and wide. On the corners of the streets are roses. The Romans decorate the streets with temples and monuments. Once there was many and splendid temples in the forum. Every day the Roman men walked in the forum. The togas of the men were white but the cloaks of the women were red and blue and yellow. There were also altars in the forum. The Romans offered up to the gods many victims on the altars. There are no temples on the Roman forum now. Now the Romans do not offer up victims on altars. But even now the Roman forum is beautiful. There are many ruins. Among the ruins and the roses, small lizards run about. Grasshoppers also sing on all sides. The blue sky is welcome to lizards and grasshoppers .