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NUNC ūnum Deum adōrant et Itali et Britanni. Sed ōlim Rōmānī multōs deōs, multās deās, adōrābant. Dē deīs Rōmānīs fābulās narrābo. Cerēs erat dea frūmentī ; in agrīs frūmentum, in prātīs herbam cūrābat. Flāvum est frūmentum ; flāvī erant Deae capillī. Caerulea erat Deae palla. Persephonē erat filia Deae. Cerēs filiam cāram vehementer amābat. In insulā Siciā Cerēs cum filia habitābat. Ōlim Persephonē in prātīs errābat. Cum puellā aliae puellae errābant, nam locus herbōsus fuit grātus puellis laetīs. In prātō herbōsō puellae saltābant et cantābant. Multae rosae, multa lilia, in prātīs erant. Lilia alba puellās dēlectābant. Sed Plūto, patruus puellae, Deae filiam procul spectāvit et statim puellam vehementer amāvit. Subitō equōs caeruleōs incitāvit et per prāta properāvit, et puellam perterritam raptāvit. Tum Persephonē, “ O Cerēs,” exclāmat, “ ubi es ? Patruus meus filiam tuam ad Inferōs portat.”

Take care with tenses when you translate this passage.

Carus, nam, statim, alius and *vehementer* should go into your notebook as they are all on the IGCSE vocabulary list. ...alternate lines please...

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- adōro**, 1—I worship.
alius, -a, -ud—another.
capillus, -i, *m.*—hair.
cārus, -a, -um—dear.
Cerēs, Cereris, *f.*—Ceres, goddess
of the corn.
cūro, 1—I take care of.
dea, -ae, *f.*—goddess.
dēlecto, 1—I delight.
erro, 1—I wander.
flāvus, -a, -um—yellow, yellow-
haired.
frūmentum, -i, *n.*—corn.
herba, -ae, *f.*—grass.
herbōsus, -a, -um—grassy.
incito, 1—I urge on.
Inferī, -ōrum, *m. pl.*—The Lower
World.
insula, -ae, *f.*—island.
lilium, -i, *n.*—lily.
locus, -i, *m.*—place : *pl.*—*loca*.

nam—for.
patruus, -i, *m.*—uncle.
Persephonē, -ēs, *f.*—Persephone,
daughter of Ceres.
Plūto, -ōnis, *m.*—Pluto, king of
the Underworld.
prātum, -i, *n.*—meadow.
Sicilia, -ae, *f.*—Sicily.
statim—at once.
ūnus, -a, -um—one.
vehementer—exceedingly, very
· much.

Now Italians and Britons worship one God. But once the Romans worshipped many gods and many goddesses. I will tell [the] stories of the Roman gods. Ceres was the goddess of corn. She looked after cornfields and grass in the meadows. Corn is yellow and the goddess's hair was yellow. The goddess's cloak was blue. Persephone was the daughter of the goddess. Ceres loved her dear daughter exceedingly. Ceres lived with the daughter in the island of Sicily. Once Persephone was wandering in the meadows. Other girls were wandering with the girl. In a grassy meadow the girls were singing and dancing. In the meadows were many roses, many lilies. The white lilies delighted the girls. But Pluto, the girl's uncle saw the goddess's daughter in the distance and at once loved the girl violently. Suddenly he urged on his blue horses and snatched up the terrified girl. Then Persephone cried, "O Ceres, where are you? My uncle is carrying off your daughter to the underworld."