

Year 3 Term 2 Week 9 Day 4  
Translation

You will need Paper 1 June 2014 for today's exercise which you should be able to download here:

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We will be working the first question.

Some important reminders before you start:

You are asked to write your translation on **alternate** lines. **MAKE SURE YOU DO THIS**. Get into the habit of doing this *now* as it also helps you when you check your work, giving you space to correct your errors. Do not type your answers on a computer as you will not be able to do this in the exam.

Again, note that the passage for translation is **headed by a summary in English**. If what you write in your translation contradicts what the summary says you have made a mistake. At the bottom of the translation is a list of vocabulary. On more recent papers all the words in this vocabulary are underlined in the passage, on this older paper they are indicated as footnotes. You should not get any of these words wrong! In the actual exam you will be sitting, all the other words in the passage will be words on the syllabus vocabulary list – which you should have learned. While doing this translation if you come upon a word you do not know which is not one of the numbered vocabulary words given on the page, look it up on the syllabus vocabulary list, add it to your notebook and learn it. I found *admovere* “to bring up/move forward” which was not on the current syllabus. I also think you may not recognise *fore* which is just the future infinitive of *esse*.<sup>1</sup> You can just translate it “was” here! You need to remember also that *referre* can mean “tell” in the sense of “report”. There are a few large numbers involved in this exercise so you might like to brush up on numbers generally with *Latin Without Tears*. There are some work sheets on Volume 8 of the *Mothers' Companion* and here is a handy summary chart from another old Latin book:

**NUMERALS**

	CARDINALS	ORDINALS		CARDINALS	ORDINALS
1	ūnus, -a, -um	primus, -a, -um	21	ūnus et vīgintī	ūnus et vicēsimus
2	duo, -ae, -o	secundus	30	trīgintā	tricēsimus
3	trēs, tria	tertius	40	quadrāgintā	quadrāgēsimus
4	quattuor	quārtus	50	quīnquāgintā	quīnquāgēsimus
5	quinque	quīntus	60	sexāgintā	sexāgēsimus
6	sex	sextus	70	septuāgintā	septuāgēsimus
7	septem	septimus	80	octōgintā	octōgēsimus
8	octō	octāvus	90	nōnāgintā	nōnāgēsimus
9	novem	nōnus	100	centum	centēsimus
10	decem	decimus	101	centum et ūnus	centēsimus primus
11	ūndecim	ūndecimus	200	ducentī, -ae, -a	ducentēsimus
12	duodecim	duodecimus	300	trecentī	trecentēsimus
13	tredecim	tertius decimus	400	quadrīngentī	quadrīngentēsimus
14	quattuordecim	quārtus decimus	500	quīngentī	quīngentēsimus
15	quindecim	quīntus decimus	600	sescentī	sescentēsimus
16	sēdecim	sextus decimus	700	septīngentī	septīngentēsimus
17	septendecim	septimus decimus	800	octīngentī	octīngentēsimus
18	duodēvīgintī	duodēvicēsimus	900	nōngentī	nōngentēsimus
19	ūndēvīgintī	ūndēvicēsimus	1000	mille	mīllēsimus
20	vīgintī	vicēsimus	2000	duo mīlia	bis mīllēsimus

<sup>1</sup> I think putting this in was a bit nasty!

As before, zoom in on the main verb, is it passive or active? Could it be a subjunctive? Tense? Is it I, you, he, we, you, or they? Then look for a nominative noun that matches up with this. If there is no nominative noun you will have to supply a pronoun. Also, as before, watch out for the ablative absolute.

Check your translation with the mark scheme which you can download at:

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My comments are on the next page.

I thought this was quite a difficult passage to translate. You had to be on the ball with the first sentence and realise that *missus* agreed with *Claudius*. This was hard to spot given the distance between the two words in the Latin sentence. We will be looking at participles such as this one and *relictus* in the Grammar Revision Lesson next week (Y3T2W10D1).

“Plunder”, “spoil” or “booty” would be fine instead of “loot” (literally “**of** loot” etc.) for the genitive *praedae* but “doors” is not acceptable for *portis*, it has to be translated “gates.”

I hope you got the numbers correct, especially *quingentis*.

Did you spot the deponent verb *profectus est*? There were plenty of subjunctives too *proderent*, “would betray” *admovisset*, “would move up” *emitteret*, “would send” and *posceret* “would demand”.<sup>2</sup>

We have just been looking at comparison of adjectives in the grammar lessons (Y3T2W9D1) and there were some good examples on the paper *propius* and *divitissima*. *Propius* is the neuter singular comparative of *prope* “near” – “nearer”. You probably spotted the *-issim-* in the superlative *divitissima* “richest.”

*Die Constitua* (ablative absolute) is literally “being the appointed day” so “on the appointed day.” the ablative absolute is another place where you will find participles used so watch out for next week's grammar lesson (Y3T2W10D1) to brush up on these.

*Longo agmine* is literally “with/from/by a long column but it is one of those ablatives that is best translated into English using “in”.

It is easy to confuse *legato* (ablative of “Legate”) with *legio, legionis* “a legion”. *Ipsa* is emphatic “**their** legate.”

I hope that that strange noun *castra* did not cause you any difficulties. This word is singular in English “camp” (a military camp not a holiday camp!). In Latin there is no singular form of this second declension neuter noun it only has a plural form which is translated in English in the singular.

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<sup>2</sup> The mark scheme just has “did send” and “ask” but technically I think “would send” and “would ask” are more accurate.