



## Latin Placement Test

Salve! We in the Classics Department are so excited that you are interested in Latin! In order to place you in the right class next year, we have a few questions for you:

Name:

Age:

Former School:

Next year at St. Mark's, I will be:

9th Grade (III Form) 10th Grade (IV Form) 11th Grade (V Form) 12th Grade (VI Form)

Which languages do you know/study?

Have you ever taken Latin before? If so, for how many years?

If you have taken Latin before, which textbook did you use? If you don't know the name or the author, just describe it - we'll know what you're talking about!

What are you hoping to learn or understand by studying Latin? (many possible answers!)

If you have taken Latin before, circle the topics that you remember studying:

Dative Case

Ablative Case

Genitive Case

Imperfect & Perfect Tense Pluperfect Tense Future Tense

Participles

Passive Voice Subjunctive Mood Infinitives Indirect Statement

Ablative Absolute

Gerunds & Gerundives

Subjunctive Clauses

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## Latin Placement Assessment

Optime! For the passages below, translate as much as you can without the use of any outside resources, including a dictionary, online resource, grammar textbook, tutor, or friend who studies Latin. If you don't know a word, make a guess! We just want to see what you can do on your own and we are not expecting perfect translations. The passages get more difficult as you go, feel free to stop when you think you have demonstrated your understanding to the best of your ability.

## I. Priam Visits Achilles

*After the death of the great Trojan warrior Hector, Priam, the king of Troy and father of Hector, visits Achilles tent to request that his son's body be returned to Troy.*

diū māter filium mortuum lūget; diū lūget Andromachē, uxor Hectoris; diū lūget Priamus. tandem Priamus, ubi nox venit, ex urbe exit et sōlus ad Graecōrum nāvēs festīnat. deus Mercurius eum dūcit per vigileēs Graecōrum. tandem ad Achillis tabernāculum advenit. intrat Achillemque salūtat; in terrā prōcumbit; "ō Achillēs, tē oro" inquit, "tandem ab irā dēsiste et filium mortuum ad mātrem miseram remitte."

*luget* (lugeō, lugeēre) "to mourn" *Andromache* (Andromache, Andromachis, f.) "Andromache, the wife of Hector"

*Priamus* (Priamus, Priāmi, m.) "Priam, the king of Troy"

*vigileēs* (vigilis, vigilis, m.) "guard, watchman" *Graecorum* (Graeci, Graecōrum, m. pl.) "the Greeks"

*Achillis* (Achillēs, Achillis, m.) "Achilles" *tabernaculum* (tabernaculum, tabernaculī, n.) "tent"

*procumbit* (procumbo, procumbere) "to bow down"

*oro* (oro, orāre) "to beg"

*dēsiste* (desisto, desistere) "to stop"

*remitte* (remitto, remittere) "to send back"

## Latin Placement Assessment II. Pompa!

*Quintus heads to Caesar's triumph.*

prīmō diē fēriarū Quīntus prīmā lūce surrexit festinavitque ad lūdum ubi amīcō occurit. sine morā ad forum contendērunt. ibi iam aderat ingēns multitudō, virī, fēminae, puerī, cīvēs et servī, pompam laetē exspectantēs. Quīntus numquam vīderat maiōrem multitudinem quam illam. interdum senātor cum comitatū clientium per mediam turbam perrūpit. interdum mulier nōbilis ad Capitolium prōcēdebat lecticā imposita, quam ferebant octō servī. Quintus ad botulārium praetereuntem accessit plūrimōsque botuloōs ēmit; in gradibus templī sedēns botuloōs avidē dēvorāvit

*feriārum* (feriae, feriārum, f. pl.) "holidays" *occurro, occurrere, occurri*(+ dative) "to meet" *mora* (mora, morae, f.) "delay"

*aderat* (adsum, adesse, adfui) "to be present" *pompam* (pompa, pompae, f.) "parade" *comitatu*(comitatus, comitatus, m.) "retinue, group"

*clientium* (cliens, clientis, m.) "client, dependent" *Capitolium* (Capitolium, Capitolii, n.) "the Capitoline Hill"

*lectica*(lectica, lecticae, f.) "litter"

*botularium* (botularius, botularii, m.)

"sausage seller"

*praetereuntem* (praetereo, praeterire, praeterivi) "to pass by"

*botuloōs* (botulus, botulī, m.) "sausage" *gradibus* (gradus, gradūs, m.) "step"

### Latin Placement Assessment III. Caesar

*Caesar describes an animal that dwells on the German frontier and the interaction of the Germani with this animal.*

Tertium est genus eorum, qui uiri appellantur. Hi sunt magnitudine paulo infra elephantos, specie et colore et figura tauri. Magna vis eorum est et magna velocitas, neque homini neque ferae quam conspexerunt parcunt. Hoc se labore durant adulescentes atque hoc genere venationis exercent; et qui plurimos ex his interfecerunt relatis in publicum cornibus, quae sint testimonio, magnam ferunt laudem. Sed assuescere ad homines et mansuefieri ne parvuli quidem excepti possunt. Amplitudo cornuum et figura et species multum a nostrorum boum cornibus differt. Haec studiose conquesta, ab labris agrento circumcludunt atque in amplissimis epulis pro poculis utuntur.

*tertium* (tertius, a, um) "third"

*uiri* (uirus, uiri, m.) "aurochs" This is a wild ancestor of domestic cattle. It is believed to have been hunted to extinction in the 17th century. *appellantur* (appello, appellare, appellavi, appellatus) "to name"

*magnitudine* (magnitudo, magnitudinis, f.) "size" - imply the word "in" = "in size"

*paulo infra* (+ acc.): "a little bit below (less than)" *ferae* (fera, ferae, f.) "wild beast"

*quam* (adv.) "as soon as"

*parcunt* (parco, parcere, peperci, parsum) "spare" (+ dative)

*durant* (duro, durare, duravi, duratus) "to harden, toughen"

*se* (accusative plural)

*et qui* (nominative subject) "and those who"

*relātis* (*refero, referre, retulī, relātus*) "to bring back"

*cornibus* (*cornū, cornū, n.*) "horn"

*testimonio* (*testimonium, testimonii, n.*) "proof"

*assuescere* (*assueſcō, assueſcere*) "to become accustomed"

*mañsuefieri* (*mansuefio, mansuefieri*) "to be tamed"

*nēparvulīquidem exceptī* "not even if caught when young"

*amplitudo* (*amplitudō, amplitudinis, f.*) "size" *multum* (adv) "a lot, much"

*boum* (*bos, bovis, m./f.*) genitive plural = *boum* *haec* (neuter plural, referring to the horns) *conquisita* (*conquīrō, conquīrere, conquīſivī, conquīſitum*) "to seek out"

*ab labrīs* "at the edges"

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