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- #1:**  
TU: Please change the phrase **haec fortis fēmina** to the accusative. **HANC FORTEM FĒMINAM**  
B1: Change **hanc fortem fēminam** to the ablative. **HĀC FORTĪ FĒMINĀ**  
B2: Change **hāc fortī fēminā** to the genitive plural. **HĀRUM FORTIUM FĒMINĀRUM**
- #2:**  
TU: After ambassadors were sent throughout Greece, all the Greek leaders and their forces assembled for an expedition to retrieve which beautiful daughter of Zeus and Leda? **HELEN**  
B1: At what port did the Greek chieftains assemble? **AULIS**  
B2: Which king of Mycenae was the commander-in-chief of these Greek forces? **AGAMEMNON**
- #3:**  
TU: Which Roman emperor, having served as **lēgātus** of **legiō II Augusta** during the Roman invasion of Britannia in 43 AD and having subjugated Judaea during the Jewish Rebellion of 66 AD, became the first of the Flavian emperors? **(T. FLAVIUS) VESPASIAN(US)**  
B1: Whom did Vespasian leave to besiege Jerusalem while he joined forces with his allies to head back to Rome? **(HIS SON) TITUS**  
B2: Which of Vespasian’s supporters gained a decisive victory over the forces of Vitellius at Bedriacum in October of 69 AD? **(M.) ANTONIUS PRIMUS**
- #4:**  
TU: Differentiate in meaning between **duo** and **dūcō**. **DUO – TWO // DŪCŌ – TO LEAD**  
B1: Differentiate in meaning between **vīta** and **vīlla**. **VĪTA – LIFE // VĪLLA – (COUNTRY)HOUSE**  
B2: Differentiate in meaning between **trahō** and **trādō**. **TRAHŌ – TO DRAG, PULL // TRĀDŌ – TO HAND OVER/SURRENDER**
- #5:**  
TU: Which Roman, famed for his military reforms, was consul seven times ? **(C.) MARIUS**  
B1: In what year was Marius elected to his first consulship? **107 BC**  
B2: In what year was Marius elected to his final consulship? **86 BC**

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- #6:**  
TU: What English adjective, a derivative of the Latin word **diēs** meaning “day”, is the antonym of “nocturnal”? **DIURNAL**  
B1: What English noun, a derivative of the Latin word meaning “to hit”, refers to celestial objects that are believed to be rapidly rotating neutron stars that emit pulses of radiation with a high degree of regularity? **PULSAR(S)**  
B2: What English verb, a derivative of the Latin word meaning “to write”, means “to pledge or pay a sum of money as a contribution or investment”? **SUBSCRIBE**
- #7:**  
TU: Who was offered a regular sacrifice of young men and young women from Athens in order for its cannibalistic hunger to be satisfied? **MINOTAUR(US) / ASTERION / ASTERIUS**  
B1: In what underground maze did the Minotaur reside? **LABYRINTH**  
B2: The Minotaur was the offspring of a white bull and what queen of Crete? **PASIPHAE**

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#8:

TU: Please translate into English: **mea māter est multō callidior quam tū.**

MY MOTHER IS MUCH / A LOT SMARTER THAN YOU

B1: ...: **estis nōn callidiōrēs elephantīs.**

YOU (PL.) ARE NOT SMARTER THAN ELEPHANTS

B2: ...: **gladiātōrēs fortius quam tuī frātrēs pugnābunt.**

THE GLADIATORS WILL FIGHT MORE BRAVELY / FIERCELY / MANLY THAN YOUR BROTHERS

#9:

TU: The golden bow and arrows, the stag, and the moon are all attributes of which goddess of the hunt?

ARTEMIS / DIANA

B1: According to most versions of the story, who were the parents of Artemis?

ZEUS & LETO

B2: According to the Homeric Hymn to Artemis, on what island, whose name means “quail island”, did Leto give birth to Artemis?

ORTYGIA

#10:

TU: What use of the ablative case can be found in the following sentence: **multī cīvēs ē forō currēbant?**

ABLATIVE OF PLACE FROM WHICH

B1: ...: **multī cīvēs cum amīcīs currēbant?**

ACCOMPANIMENT

B2: ...: **multī cīvēs magnā cum celeritāte currēbant?**

MANNER

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#11:

Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, then answer the question that follows in Latin:

**nox erat et per viās sōlī ambulābāmus. tandem forum intrāvimus et circumspectāvimus.**

**subitō magnum clāmōrem audīvimus et statim ē forō cucurrimus. ēheu! (repeat)**

The question: **quid per viās agēbāmus?**

AMBULĀBĀMUS

B1: **postquam forum intrāvimus, quid ēgimus?**

CIRCUMSPECTĀVIMUS

B2: **unde cucurrimus?**

Ē FORŌ

#12:

TU: Teaching Latin pronunciation syllable by syllable first, then the separate words, and finally the whole sentence, was the job of which type of Roman teacher?

LITTERĀTOR / LŪDĪ MAGISTER / MAGISTER LITTERĀRUM

B1: To teach a Roman child how to write, the **litterātor** would have traced letters with what instrument first, then guided the pupil’s hand with his own until the child learned to form the letters independently?

STILUS

B2: What did a **lūdī magister** use to help students learn the more complicated additions?

ABACUS

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- #1:**  
TU: Aninus Macer, Herodes Atticus, and Fronto were all tutors of which emperor, the last of the so-called Five Good Emperors? **MARCUS AURELIUS**  
B1: Which daughter of Antoninus Pius was the wife of Marcus Aurelius? **FAUSTINA THE YOUNGER**  
B2: According to most accounts, Marcus Aurelius died in what Roman city on March 17, 180 AD, at the age of 58? **VINDOBONNA/VIENNA**
- #2:** Which of the following words, if any, is NOT derived from the same Latin root as the others: accept, capital, receive, deception, cable? **CAPITAL**  
B1: From what Latin verb with what meaning do we derive the other words in the toss up? **CAPIŌ - TO TAKE**  
B2: What English verb derived from **capiō** means “to cut off from an intended destination”? **INTERCEPT**
- #3:**  
TU: Please give the comparative and superlative forms for the adjective **īrātus**. **ĪRĀTIOR, ĪRĀTISSIMUS**  
B1: ... **miser**. **MISERIOR, MISERRIMUS**  
B2: ... **facilis**. **FACILIOR, FACILLIMUS**
- #4:**  
TU: Until he gave it to Athena to place on her shield, Perseus used the head of what monster and its powers as a tactical advantage in combat? **MEDUSA**  
B1: What made Medusa such a dangerous monster? **SHE TURNED PEOPLE TO STONE**  
B2: Name the two sisters of Medusa. **STHENO & EURYALE**
- #5:**  
TU: While a group of Senonian Gauls tried to scale the cliffs of the Capitoline Hill in order to get to the citadel of Rome, who was warned of the impending invasion by the honking of a group of geese sacred to the goddess Juno? **(M.) MANLIUS CAPITOLINUS**  
B1: Which chieftain was the leader of this group of Senonian Gauls who had captured the rest of the city of Rome and had occupied it for several months? **BRENNUS**  
B2: Give the Latin phrase that Brennus uttered when the Romans disputed about the weights that were used to measure the 1,000 pounds of gold that they had to pay in order to ransom the city of Rome. **VAE VICTĪS**

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- #6:**  
TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: pretiōsustutus?** **LAVISH, PRECIOUS, EXPENSIVE**  
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: pretiōsus?** **LAVISH, PRECIOUS, EXPENSIVE**  
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: novus?** **NEW**
- #7:**  
TU: According to Hesiod, what was the first thing that existed? **CHAOS**  
B1: Who were the hundred armed children of Gaia? **HECATONCHEIRES**  
B2: Name the Hecatoncheires. **BRIAREUS / AEGAEON, COTTUS, GY(G)ES**

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**#8:**

TU: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of New York.

**EXCELSIOR** – EVER UPWARDS / HIGHER

B1: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of New Mexico.

**CRĒSCIT EUNDŌ** – IT GROWS AS IT GOES / IT GROWS BY GOING

B2: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of North Carolina.

**ESSE QUAM VIDĒRĪ** – TO BE RATHER THAN TO SEEM //  
TO BE RATHER THAN TO BE SEEN

**#9:**

TU: An ancient Roman may wear a dazzling white toga in the pursuit of what endeavor?

SEEKING (SUPPORT/VOTES FOR) POLITICAL OFFICE

B1: What was the Latin term for this type of toga?

**TOGA CANDIDA**

B2: What did the Romans use to make the **toga candida** dazzling white?

CHALK

**#10:**

TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, then answer the question that follows in English:

**filius ad portum cum māt̄re festīnābat, quod dē vitā dēsperābant. subitō ingēns saxum filium percussit et necāvit. māt̄er mortuum filium intentē spectābat et lacrimābat.** (repeat)

The question: Who were hurrying to the harbor?

MOTHER & SON

B1: Why did the son and the mother hurry to the harbor?

THEY WERE DESPAIRING

ABOUT THEIR LIFE

B2: What two things did the mother do after the son was killed by a huge rock?

SHE LOOKED AT THE DEAD SON (INTENTLY) AND CRIED

### SCORE CHECK

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**#11:**

TU: What obstacle encountered by Odysseus and his men was a giant whirlpool?

CHARYBDIS

B1: What monstrous creature lived across the strait from Charybdis?

SCYLLA

B2: How many men did Odysseus lose to Scylla?

SIX

**#12:**

TU: Say in Latin using **crēdō**: I shall believe the girls.

**(EGO) PUELLĪS CRĒDAM**

B1: Say in Latin using **faveō**: You (singular) will have supported the best candidates.

**(TŪ) OPTIMĪS CANDIDĀTĪS FĀVERIS**

B2: Using **respondeō**, say in Latin: The brothers had answered their father.

**FRĀTRĒS PATRĪ (SUŌ) RESPONDERANT**

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- #1:**  
TU: What English noun, deriving from the Latin verb meaning “to send”, means “a letter”. MISSIVE  
B1: What English adjective, deriving from the Latin verb meaning “to take”, means “adequate, though not outstanding”? ACCEPTABLE  
B2: Etymologically speaking, where would you go to “contemplate”? A TEMPLE
- #2:**  
TU: Which king distracted Rome from the Second Punic War with his annoyances in what would become the first in a series of wars? PHILIP V  
B1: What kingdom did Philip V rule? MACEDON  
B2: How many wars would Rome specifically fight against Philip V? 2
- #3:**  
TU: Change the phrase **īdem agricola celer** to the plural. EĪDEM AGRICOLAE CELERĒS  
B1: Change the phrase **īdem flūmen altum** to the plural. EADEM FLŪMINA ALTA  
B2: Change the phrase **eadem magna manus** to the plural. EADEM MAGNAE MANŪS
- #4:**  
TU: Planned and constructed with the help of Athena, what ship became the first to sail the seas and carried Jason and his men to Colchis in their quest for the golden fleece? THE ARGO  
B1: What was special about the prow of the Argo? IT COULD SPEAK / RENDER PROPHECIES  
B2: From where was the magical piece of timber used to make this talking prow obtained? DODONA
- #5:**  
TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: imperium?** EMPIRE, POWER  
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: argūmentum?** PROOF, ARGUMENT, EVIDENCE  
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: miserandus?** PATHETIC, PITIFUL

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- #6:**  
TU: Who has the ability to calm the thundering waves when he drives his golden cart over the waters of the sea while carrying his trident? POSEIDON / NEPTUNE  
B1: What granddaughter of a Titan became the wife of Poseidon? AMPHITRITE  
B2: What “Trumpeter of the Sea” was the son of Poseidon and Amphitrite? TRITON
- #7:**  
TU: The dropping of the **mappa** signified the beginning of what type of Roman entertainment? CHARIOT RACING  
B1: How many laps comprised a race? SEVEN  
B2: What two items were used as lap counters? ŌVA ET DELPHĪNĪ / DELPHĪNĒS // EGGS & DOLPHINS
- #8:**  
TU: Please translate into English: **postquam leōnēs in arēnā vīdimus, plausimus.** AFTER WE SAW THE LIONS IN THE ARENA, WE CLAPPED.  
B1: ...: **ad montēs quam celerrimē festinābātis.** Y’ALL WERE HURRYING / HURRIED TO THE MOUNTAINS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE  
B2: ...: **nōs erāmus multō ferōciōrēs quam lupī.** WE WERE MUCH MORE FEROCIOUS THAN THE WOLVES

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**#9:**  
TU: Who, with the help of the tribune Subrius Flavus and a centurion of the Praetorian Guard named Sulpicius Asper, organized a conspiracy against the emperor Nero in 65 AD?

(C. CALPURNIUS) PISO

B1: Whom did Nero supposedly kick to death in 65 AD before she could give birth to his second child?

POPPAEA SABINA

B2: Which governor of Gallia Lugdunensis rebelled against Nero's tax policies in March of 68 AD?

(C. IULIUS) VINDEX

**#10:**  
TU: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **cf.**

CŌNFER – COMPARE

B1: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **q.v.**

QUOD VIDĒ – WHICH SEE

B2: Give the Latin and the English for the abbreviation **ad lib.**

AD LIBITUM – AT PLEASURE, AT LEISURE

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**#11:**  
TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, then answer the question that follows in Latin:

**filiae ad vīllam reveniēbant. postquam ad vīllam advēnērunt, mātrem irātam vīdērunt.**

**“cūr es irāta?” rogāvit ūna filia. māter respondit, “quod vōs dīligenter nōn labōrāvīstis.”**

(repeat)

The question: **quō filiae reveniēbant?**

AD VĪLLAM

B1: **quālis est māter?**

ĪRĀTA

B2: **quō modō filiae nōn labōrāvērunt?**

DĪLIGENTER

**#12:**  
TU: Who was destined to lead the Trojan refugees to a new home in Italy?

AENEAS

B1: In the *Iliad*, which god saved Aeneas in battle because of this destiny?

POSEIDON

B2: Name the parents of Aeneas.

ANCHISES & APHRODITE/VENUS

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**#1:**

- TU: During which of his labors did Heracles venture by the banks of the river Thermodon into Themiscyra, the land of the Amazons? (TO OBTAIN) THE GIRDLE OF HIPPOLYTA  
B1: During which of his labors was Heracles given food and wine in a cave on Mt. Pelion by the centaur Pholus, much to the chagrin of the host? (CAPTURING THE) ERYMANTHIAN BOAR  
B2: During which of his labors was Heracles given a giant golden cup by Helius? (TO OBTAIN THE) CATTLE OF GERYON

**#2:**

- TU: Which famous Roman was asked by the people of Sicily to prosecute their former, corrupt governor Verres? (M. TULLIUS) CICERO  
B1: Whose conspiracy against the Roman government was discovered by Cicero in 63 BC? (L. SERGIUS) CATILINA'S / CATILINE'S  
B2: Give the Latin phrase for the title that Cicero received for revealing and taking care of Catiline's conspiracy. PATER PATRIAE

**#3:**

- TU: Say in Latin: I can't walk to the forum today. (EGO) AD FORUM HODIĒ AMBULĀRE NŌN POSSUM  
B1: Say in Latin: You (singular) want to sing sweetly, don't you? NŌNNE SUĀVITER/DULCITER CANTĀRE V...  
B2: Say in Latin: We can't sleep in the study, can we? NUM IN TABLĪNŌ DORMĪRE POSSUMUS?

**#4:**

- TU: **Quid Anglicē significat: dubium?** DOUBT  
B1: **Quid Anglicē significat: disco?** TO LEARN  
B2: **Quid Anglicē significat: iampridem?** A LONG TIME AGO/FOR A LONG TIME NOW

**#5:**

- TU: "Initial", "ambition", and "circuit" are all derived from what Latin verb with what meaning? EŌ – TO GO  
B1: Give the Latin verb at the root of "coven." VENIŌ  
B2: Give the Latin pronoun and the Latin verb at the root of "rendezvous". VŌS & DŌ

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**#6:**

- TU: What item did Odysseus obtain in Ismarus that would prove to be extremely useful later in the cave of Polyphemus? WINE  
B1: Who had given Odysseus these jars of wine? MARON  
B2: Who had warned Polyphemus that he would be blinded by Odysseus? TELEMUS

**#7:**

- TU: Inviting an enslaved person to recline on the couch at dinner, making a declaration that an enslaved person is freed in the presence of friends at home, and having a witness proclaim that an individual really did not belong to a **dominus** were all examples of acts of freeing an enslaved person called what? MANŪMISSIŌ / MANUMISSION  
B1: What Latin term refers to an enslaved person who was acquired as a young child? ALUMNUS/-A  
B2: What Latin term refers to an enslaved person who was born to parents who were also enslaved?

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VERNA

#8:

TU: Give the Latin and the English for the former motto of Wyoming.

**CĒDANT ARMA TOGAE – LET ARMS YIELD TO TOGA**

B1: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Missouri.

**SALŪS POPULĪ SUPRĒMA LĒX ESTŌ – (LET THE) WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE (SHALL) BE THE SUPREME LAW**

B2: Give the Latin and the English for the motto of Massachusetts.

**ENSE PETIT PLACIDAM SUB LĪBERTĀTE QUIETEM – WITH THE SWORD (S)HE SEEKS CALM PEACE UNDER LIBERTY/FREEDOM**

#9:

TU: Which Roman emperor, in an attempt to combat inflation, introduced the **solidus**, a new gold coin that became the standard of Byzantine and European currencies for more than a thousand years, but was better known for being the first emperor to convert to Christianity?

**CONSTANTINE I / THE GREAT**

B1: In whose court in Nicomedia did Constantine receive a formal education, where he learned Latin literature, Greek, and philosophy and may have attended the lectures of Lactantius, a Christian scholar of Latin?

**DIOCLETIAN'S**

B2: Whose head was paraded through the streets of Rome for all to see as part of Constantine's grand **adventus** on October 29, 312 AD?

**MAXENTIUS'**

#10:

TU: What English derivative of the Latin word meaning nothing means "A viewpoint that traditional values and beliefs are unfounded and that existence is senseless and useless"?

**NIHILISM**

B1: What English verb from the Latin word meaning "to prepare" means "to ward off the blow of a weapon"?

**PARRY**

B2: What English adjective from the Latin word meaning "near" means "near or approaching a certain state, condition, or goal"?

**APPROXIMATE**

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#11:

TU: Give the Latin term for one of the two oldest chariot racing factions in Rome.

**(FACTIŌ) RUSSĀTA / ALBĀTA**

B1: Which emperor introduced the **factiō veneta**, the blue faction?

**AUGUSTUS**

B2: Which two factions were added by the emperor Domitian?

**PURPUREA & AURĀTA / PURPLE & GOLD**

#12:

TU: Because the Greeks were afraid that he would grow up to avenge his father Hector, who was thrown from the walls of Troy?

**ASTYANAX / SCAMANDRIUS**

B1: Who was the mother of Astyanax?

**ANDROMACHE**

B2: Who threw Astyanax from the walls of Troy?

**NEOPTOLEMUS / ODYSSEUS**

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**#13:**  
TU: For the verb **ferō**, give the 2<sup>nd</sup> person plural, perfect passive indicative. **LĀTĪ (-AE, -A) ESTIS**  
B1: Change **lātī estis** to the active. **TULISTIS**  
B2: Say in Latin using **ferō** and **arma**: The weapons had been brought to Rome.  
**ARMA RŌMAM LĀTA ERANT**

**#14:**  
TU: Please translate into English: **in villā mercātōris trēs diēs manēbimus.**  
**WE WILL / SHALL STAY / REMAIN IN THE HOUSE OF THE MERCHANT FOR 3 DAYS**  
B1: ...: **puella, quae per viās ambulābat, erat filia senātōris.**  
**THE GIRL, WHO WAS WALKING THROUGH THE STREETS, WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE SENATOR**  
B2: ...: **ad tabernās mercātōrum quam celerrimē festināre volēbās.**  
**YOU WANTED TO HURRY TO THE MERCHANTS' SHOPS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE**

**#15:**  
TU: Which practitioner of magical spells gave an ointment made from a herb called the “Charm of Prometheus” to Jason so that he could be protected against harm? **MEDEA**  
B1: Medea was the daughter of which king of Colchis? **AEETES**  
B2: What mythological bronze giant did Medea defeat in order to save her beloved Jason and the rest of the Argonauts? **TALOS/TALUS**

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**#16:**  
TU: What Roman consul was empowered by the Roman Senate to deal with Gaius Gracchus and his followers? **OPIMIUS**  
B1: What decree of martial law was issued for the first time in Roman history to Opimius?  
**SENĀTŪS CONSULTUM ULTIMUM**  
B2: Who, unsuccessful in his proposal to grant Roman citizenship to Rome’s Latin allies, had been re-elected as tribune along with Gaius Gracchus in 122 BC?  
**FULVIUS FLACCUS**

**#17:**  
TU: Please listen to the following sentences, which I shall read twice, and answer the question that follows in Latin:  
**multī hospitēs cum amīcīs cēnābant. amīcī hospitibus vīnum et cibum offerēbant. subitō, magnus canis triclinium intrāvit et omnem cibum cōsūmpsit. amīcī, quod erant irātissimī, canem vituperābant et statim eum ē tricliniō agitāvērunt. ēheu! (repeat)**  
The question: **quid amīcī hospitibus offerēbant?** **VĪNUM ET CIBUM**  
B1: **quālēs erant amīcī postquam canis cibum cōsūmpsit?** **IRĀTISSIMĪ**  
B2: **unde amīcī canem agitāvērunt?** **Ē TRICLINIŌ**

**#18:**  
TU: What use of the genitive case can be found in the following sentence: **māter cum amīcā, fēmina summae calliditātis, ambulābat?** **DESCRIPTION / CHARACTERISTIC**  
B1: ...: **māter plūs vīnī hospitibus ferēbat?** **PARTITIVE / OF THE WHOLE**  
B2: Say in Latin using the dative of possession construction: I have very big dogs.  
**MAXIMĪ CANĒS MIHI SUNT**

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- #19:**  
TU: Who was responsible for creating a race of highly venomous snakes when he let the blood of Medusa drip onto the sand while he was flying over the deserts of Libya? PERSEUS  
B1: Which of Andromeda's suitors, her own uncle, was petrified by the gaze of Medusa when he tried to take Andromeda away from Perseus by force? PHINEUS  
B2: Who were the parents of Andromeda? CEPHEUS & CASSIOPEIA

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- #20:**  
TU: When you are recognized, please describe the actions & commands described in the following sentence:  
**postquam surrexistī, ad spectātōrēs celeriter curre et suāviter Anglicē cantā!**  
A STUDENT GETS UP, RUNS QUICKLY TO SPECTATORS & SINGS IN ENGLISH  
B1: **postquam surrexistis, īte sub mēnsam, rīdēte et plaudite!**  
AFTER STANDING UP, STUDENTS GO UNDER THE TABLE, LAUGH AND CLAP  
B2: **postquam ad magistrum cucurristis, facite sonitum pullī!**  
STUDENTS MAKE THE SOUND OF A CHICKEN AFTER THEY RUN TO THEIR TEACHER

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## ROMAN HISTORY – REPUBLIC

- TU: From what modern day country did the Cimbri and Teutones hail? DENMARK  
B1: Who was the king of the Teutones who faced the Romans? TEUTOBOD  
B2: Who was the king of the Cimbri who faced the Romans? BOIORIX
- TU: In what year did C. Marius win his first consulship? 107 BC  
B1: Where did Marius serve as commander in the year of his consulship? NUMIDIA  
B2: When was the next year that Marius won a consulship? 104 BC

## ROMAN HISTORY – EMPIRE

- TU: Who earned the displeasure of the emperor Nero when he fell asleep during one of Nero's musical performances? VESPASIAN  
B1: What imperial dynasty did Vespasian start? FLAVIAN DYNASTY  
B2: What did Vespasian build on the site of the lake at Nero's **Domus Aurea**?  
FLAVIAN AMPHITHEATER / COLOSSEUM / AMPHITHEĀTRUM FLĀVIUM
- TU: The Dacian king Decebalus was finally defeated during the reign of which Roman emperor? TRAJAN  
B1: What object, known for its spiral bas relief which artistically depicts the epic battles between the Romans and the Dacians, was built with the financial gains that came from conquering Dacia?  
TRAJAN'S COLUMN / COLUMNA TRĀIĀNĪ  
B2: On Spiral 22, Panel B of Trajan's Column, the death of Decebalus was depicted. How did Decebalus die?  
COMMITTED SUICIDE (BY SLASHING HIS OWN THROAT)

## LIFE

- TU: How did a **piscator** earn a living? FISHING  
B1: What was the occupation of a **carnifex**? EXECUTIONER/BUTCHER  
B2: What was the occupation of a **mango**? SLAVE DEALER
- TU: For how many years did Nero ban the Pompeians from self-governance? 10  
B1: What type of officer did Nero send to govern the unruly Pompeians? PRAEFECTUS  
B2: What was the permanent voting hall in Pompeii called? COMITIUM

## MYTHOLOGY

- TU: What son of Althaea gathered a huge group of men to hunt a magical boar ravaging the kingdom of Calydon? MELEAGER  
B1: Who was Meleager's father? OENEUS / ARES  
B2: Who was Meleager's sister, who eventually married Heracles? DEIANEIRA
- TU: After Paris's death, which Trojan prince did Helen marry? DEIPHOBUS  
B1: Who were Helen's brothers? CASTOR AND POLLUX  
B2: Who kidnapped Helen at a young age? THESEUS

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### DERIVATIVES

- TU: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which “primate” is derived. **PRĪMUS, FIRST**  
B1: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which “raptor” is derived. **RAPIŌ, TO GRAB**  
B2: Give the Latin root and its meaning from which “solitaire” is derived. **SŌLUS, ALONE/ONLY**
- TU: Which of the following if any is not derived from the same Latin root as the others: intelligent, legend, collect, legion. **ALL FROM THE SAME ROOT**  
B1: What Latin word are the words in the toss up derived from? **LEGŌ**  
B2: What derivative of **legō** means disrespectful or irreverent toward anything regarded as sacred? **SACRILEGIOUS**

### VOCABULARY

- TU: Give the Latin word for "harbor/port" **PORTUS**  
B1: Define the Latin verb **conveniō**. **TO COME TOGETHER**  
B2: Define the Latin verb **valeō, valēre** **TO BE STRONG/BE HEALTHY**
- TU: Define the Latin prefixes **dē-** and **dis-** **DOWN/DOWN FROM AND APART/AWAY**  
B1: Add the second prefix from the toss-up to the Latin word meaning ---"to go, retreat" AND define it. **DISCĒDŌ, TO GO AWAY**  
B2: Add that same prefix to the Latin word for "to send" AND define it. **DIMITTŌ, TO SEND OFF/AWAY**

### GRAMMAR

- TU: Please give the comparative and the superlative forms for the adjective **nōtus**. **NŌTIOR, NŌTISSIMUS**  
B1: Please give the comparative and the superlative forms for the adjective **miser**. **MISERIOR, MISERRIMUS**  
B2: Please give the comparative and the superlative forms for the adjective **trīstis**. **TRĪSTIOR, TRĪTISSIMUS**
- TU: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **mitto, faveo, placeo, crēdo, and respondeo?** **MITTIT**  
B1: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **ancillae, leōnibus, puerī, and candidātis?** **PUERĪ**  
B2: Which of the following does NOT belong grammatically: **laudebam, sentiēbam, iacēbām, and scribam?** **SCRĪBAM**