

Recalling our learning

Prepositions with the accusative

	to, towards
	around
	against
	into, onto
	through, along

Prepositions with the ablative

	by, from
	out of
	with
	in, on

LO: to practise comprehension of a passage of Latin

Friday 8th March 2024

Our translation from Monday

How some horses won a war

1 bellum est, et nautae oppidum oppugnant;
Mārcus et Sextus in oppidō sunt; perīcula bellī
nōn amant. scūta portant et nautās dē mūrō
spectant. mox Quīntus et Lūcius, poētae, cum
5 amīcīs, ex templō festīnant; poētae cum nautīs
nōn pugnant: proelium nōn est. Mārcus et
Sextus ā dīs auxilium rogant et equōs ex stabulīs
liberant; equī ex oppidō festīnant et nautās
superant. Quīntus dē bellō cantat: ‘nōs poētae
10 nautās superāmus.’ poētae verbīs, nōn factīs,
pugnant!

oppugnō = I attack (a place)

proelium, -iī, n. = battle

auxilium, -iī, n. = help

stabulum, -ī, n. = stable

liberō = I set free

factum, -ī, n. = deed

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- (i) In lines 9-11, what does this tell us about the poets?

In your books:

- (a) oppidum (line 1): in which case is this noun? Why?
- (b) perīcula (line 2): in which case is this noun? Why?
- (c) bellī (line 2): in which case is this noun? What does it mean?
- (d) scūta (line 3): what is the nominative singular of this noun?
- (e) In lines 3-4 we are told that Marcus and Sextus ‘watch the sailors down from the wall’. How would the word **mūrō** change if you were to say in Latin ‘they watch down from the **walls**?’
- (f) proelium (line 6): in what case is this noun?
- (g) nautās (line 8): what does this word mean? Explain the connexion between **nautās** and the English word ‘nautical’.
- (h) In line 8 we are told that ‘the horses hurry out of the town’. How would the word **festinant** change if you were to say that ‘the horse **hurries** out of the town?’
- (i) Write down and translate all the prepositions in this passage (together with the nouns they govern).

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