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Index Vocābulōrum

ante: before, in front of

A	ante: before, in front of
ab: from	antīquum: old, ancient
absēns: <i>absent</i>	ānxia: anxious, worried
accipere: to accept, receive	ānxiī: anxious, worried
ad: to, towards, in order to, for	ānxius: anxious, worried
ad patrem spectandum: in order	aperī: <i>open!</i>
to watch (their) father, for	aperīre: to open
watching (their) father	aperīret: might open
adiuvāte: help!	apertā: having been opened
adsunt: they are here, present	iānuā apertā: with the door
aegrōtābat: was sick	having been opened
agite: come on!	aperuit: opened
aliam: another, other	apud: <i>at</i>
aliīs: other	āram: <i>altar</i>
aliōs: other	arca: box
aliquem: someone	arcā: box
aliquid: something	arcam: box
alius: another, other	arrogāns: arrogant
alter: a second, another	ascendēbat: was climbing,
amābant: they loved, were loving	ascending
amābat: loved, was loving	ātrāmentum: ink
amant: they love	attonita: astonished, surprised
amāre: to love	attonitī: astonished, surprised
amat: loves	attonitus: astonished, surprised
amāvit: loved	audiēbant: they were hearing,
amīce: friend	listening
amīcī: friends	audiēbat: heard, was listening
amīcō: friend	audīre: to hear, listen
amīcōs: friends	audīrent: to hear, listen
amīcum: friend	ut audīrent: in order to hear, so
amīcus: friend	that they might hear
an: or	audīte: hear! listen!
animālia: animals	audītis: you hear, listen
animālium: of animals	audītō: with having been
annīs: years	heard
quot annīs: every year	

hōc audītō: with this having been cautē: carefully heard cavē: beware! cavēbō: I will beware, be careful audīverat: had heard audīvērunt: they heard cēlāvērunt: they hid, concealed audīvī: *I heard* sē cēlāvērunt: they hid themselves audīvit: heard celebrābant: they were celebrating autem: however celebrant: they celebrate avē: hail! cēpērunt: they grabbed, took, cēpit: grabbed, took, seized R certē: *certainly* barba: heard circum: around barbarōs: barbarians cīvem: citizen barbātus: bearded cīvēs: citizens bellum: war cīvī: to the citizen bonum: good cīvīle: civil bos: cow. ox cīvis: citizen bove: cow. ox cīvium: of citizens bovem: cow. ox clam: *stealthily*, *secretly* bovi: to the cow, the cow's clāmābant: they shouted, were bovi non est: the cow does not shouting have clāmābat: shouted, was shouting bracchiō: arm clāmāns: *shouting* clāmantem: shouting clāmantēs: shouting C clāmāre: to shout caelō: sky clāmāret: was shouting caelum: sky clāmās: you shout calamō: a pen clāmāvērunt: they shouted calamus: a pen clāmāvit: shouted capere: to grab, take, seize clāmor: noise caperet: capture, take, seize clāmōrēs: noises nē . . . caperet: that (the angry claudē: close! mob) would capture clausit: closed capite: grab! take! seize! clausos: closed captīvī: captive collāpsus est: collapsed captus: captured, seized collō: neck caput: head

causa: cause, reason

crēdet: will believe, trust colloquebantur: they were speaking together, conversing crēdo: I believe, trust colloquebatur: was conversing cubiculo: bedroom colloquentes: conversing, speaking cucurrērunt: they ran together cucurrit: ran colloquium: a conversation cui: to whom columnā: column cui erat: who had columnam: column cuique: *to each* columnās: columns cum: when, with comētam: a comet cūr: why comētes: a comet cūriosa: curious cūriōsī: curious commōta: moved (with), overcome cūriōsus: curious commōtī: *moved* (*with*), *overcome* curre: run! (with) currēbant: they were running currendō: from running, due to communicant: they communicate conatus es: you tried, attempted running conatus sum: I tried, attempted fessus currendō: tired from confoderunt: they stabbed running confodit: stabbed currentem: running confossus: having been stabbed currentēs: running confusa: confused currere: to run confusus: confused currite: run! conspirationem: a conspiracy consul: a consul D contrā: against dē: about conveniēbat: was meeting, coming dedī: *I gave* together dedit: gave cor: heart deī: gods corona: crown deinde: then, next coronam: crown deorum: of the gods corpore: body descendit: descends, climbs down corpus: *body* deus: god cotīdiē: every day dīc: tell! say! crēdēbat: was believing, trusting dīcēbat: was saying crēdent: they will believe, trust dicerent: they were saying crēdentēs: believing, trusting

dīcis: you say

crēdere: to believe, to trust

dictator: dictator epistulam: letter dictātorem: dictator erāmus: we were dicto: with _____ having been erant: they were said erāsne: were you? hōc dictō: with this having been erat: was, there was eratne: was it? was this? said diē: *on the day* eris: you will be diem: day es: you are diēs: day esne: are you? difficile: difficult esse: is, to be digitum: finger essent: were dīvīsit: divided esset: was dīvus: deified, divine est: is, there is dīxistī: you said estis: you are dīxit: said estne: is? is it? dō: *I give* et: and domī: at home eum: him domō: house, home ēventūs: events domum: house, home ex: out of, from domus: house, home exīvērunt: they went out dormiō: *I am sleeping* exīvit: went out dormīre: to sleep exspectās: you wait for, expect dormīs: you sleep exspectō: I am waiting for, duae: two expecting dum: while exta: intestines dūxit: led extendit: extended extīs: intestines extrā: *outside* E extrāxit: extracted, pulled out ē: out of, from eam: her, it ecce: behold! look! F ego: Ifacere: to make falsa: false ēheu: oh no! eī: to him, to her falsō: false, falsely eius: his. her falsus: false eōrum: their familia: *family* familiae: of the family eos: them

familiās: families

favēbant: they were favoring,

supporting

favēbat: was favoring, supporting

fēmina: woman fēminae: women fēminam: woman fēminās: women fertilitātem: fertility

fessus: tired

fessus currendō: tired from

running

fēstum: *festive, holiday* fēstus: *festive, holiday*

figūra: figure figūram: figure filī: o son filia: daughter filiae: to his daughter filiam: daughter

fīliī: son's fīliō: to his son fīlium: son fīlius: son

fīxī sunt: they were fixed (on)

flammās: *flames*

flēbant: they were weeping, crying flendō: from weeping, crying flendō rubrī: red from weeping,

crying

flēns: *weeping, crying* flentēs: *weeping, crying*

flümen: river

fortasse: perhaps, maybe

fortes: strong frater: brother fratrem: brother fuerat: had been fugere: to run away
fūgērunt: they ran away
fugiāmus: let's run away

fugiēbant: *they were running away* fugiendum est: *we have to run*

away

fugientēs: running away

fūgit: ran away fuisse: had been fūmōs: smoke, fumes fundō: a fold fūnus: a funeral futūrīs: future futūrōs: future

G

gaudēbant: they were happy,

rejoicing

gaudēbat: was happy, rejoicing gaudent: they are happy, rejoice gaudentēs: happy, rejoicing gāvisī sunt: they were happy,

rejoiced

gāvīsus est: was happy, rejoiced

gerēbat: was wearing

gladiō: sword, with the sword gladiō vīsō: with the sword

having been seen gladium: sword gladius: sword grātiās: thanks

H

habēbant: they had, were having

habēbat: had, was having

habēs: *you have*

habet: has I habetne: does s/he have? iam: now hāc: this, with this iānuā: with the door hāc dōmō vīsā: with this house iānuā apertā: with the door having been seen having been opened haec: this iānuam: the door hanc: this ībat: was going, went haruspex: a haruspex (a prophet Idūs: the Ides who foretells the future by iēcerat: had thrown examining the intestines of iēcit: threw animals) ignōtās: unknown haruspicem: a haruspex illā: that haruspicis: *of the haruspex* ille: he hī: these illī: they, those hic: this illicitum: not allowed, illegal hīs: with these illōs: them hīs audītis: with these (shouting imāgō: image people) having been heard immōbilis: immobile hoc: this immortālem: immortal hōc: this, with this immortālis: immortal hōc audītō: with this having been imperātōrī: *to the emperor* heard impossibile: *impossible* hoc dicto: with this having been in: in, into, on said innocēns: innocent hōc vīsō: with this having been innocentia: innocent seen inquit: said, says hodiē: *today* īnsānus: insane hominēs: people īnspectā: look closely! inspect! hominibus: *people* inspectabat: was looking closely, hominum: of people inspecting hōram: hour inspectandam: inspecting horribile: horrible ad arcam inspectandam: in order horribiles: horrible to inspect the box, for inspecting horrore: with horror the box horrōrem: *horror* īnspectāns: inspecting hōs: these Inspectaret: might inspect hostīlis: hostile inspectaverunt: they inspected hunc: this īnspectāvit: inspected

lecto: bed intentē: closely, carefully inter: between, among lege: read! interfécerat: had killed legere: to read interfēcērunt: they killed legeret: to read interfēcimus: we killed lēgit: read interfēcisse: had killed lībera: free interfēcit: killed līberī: children interficere: to kill līberīs: to the children, for the interficiendī sunt: must be killed, children līberōs: children put to death interficite: kill! lībertās: liberty intrā: inside līmes: boundary intrābant: they entered, were lingua: tongue entering longae: long intrantēs: entering longē: far longum: long intrāre: to enter intrāvērunt: they entered intrāvit: entered M investīgāvit: investigated magna: large, great involūtum: wrapped (in) magnā: large, great; with a large, ioca: jokes iocum: a joke magnā voce: with a loud voice ipsīus: of (Caesar) himself magnae: large, great īrāta: angry magnam: large, great īrātā: with an angry (voice) magnī: large, great īrātae: angry magnō: large, great īrātās: angry magnō terrōre: with great terror īrātī: angry magnum: large, great īrātōrum: of angry magnus: large, great īrātus: angry malam: bad, wicked iterum: again mali: bad, wicked ivērunt: they went malōs: bad, wicked īvit: went malum: bad, wicked malus: bad, wicked

L

lectis: beds

laborābat: was working

manēre: to remain, stay manibus: hands, with hands

manibus trementibus: with	mortuā: with dead
trembling hands	Iūliā mortuā: with Julia dead
manū: hand	mortuō: with dead
manum: hand	Caesare mortuō: with Caesar
manus: hand	dead
manūs: hands	mortuum: dead
mater: mother	mortuus: dead
mē: me, I	mox: <i>soon</i>
putat mē esse senātōrem: (s/he)	multae: many
thinks I am a senator	multās: many
mea: my	multī: <i>many</i>
mēcum: with me	multīs: with many
mediā: <i>middle (of)</i>	multōs: <i>many</i>
in mediā viā: in the middle of the	•
road	NI
media nocte: in the middle of the	N
night	nē: that
mēnsā: <i>table</i>	timēbant nē: they were afraid
meō: my	that, they feared that
metallicum: metal	neque: and not,
meum: my	neither nor
meus: my	nesciēbat: didn't know, wasn't
mī: my	knowing
mihi: to me, for me	nesciō: <i>I don't know</i>
mīlitibus: soldiers	nōbīs: <i>to us</i>
minimē: no, not in the least	nocte: <i>night</i>
mīsērunt: they sent	nölēbant: they didn't want, weren'
mīsit: sent	wanting
momenti: of importance	nölēbat: didn't want, wasn't
magnī mōmentī: of great	wanting
importance	nōlī: <i>don't</i> !
monēbam: I was warning	nōlīte: <i>don't</i> !
monentem: warning	nölle: don't want
monēre: to warn	nōlō: <i>I don't want</i>
morī: to die	nōlunt: <i>they don't want</i>
moriēbātur: died, was dying	nōmen: name
mors: death	nōmina: names
mortua: dead	nōmine: named, by name

non: not parvum: small, little nōs: we pater: father noster: our patrem: *father* patris: father's nostrum: our numerābat: counted, was counting pavīmentō: pavement numeraret: counted, was counting pavīmentum: pavement numerat: counts, is counting pāx: peace nummō: a coin pecūniam: money nummum: a coin pedēs: *feet* nummus: a coin per: through peractī sunt: they have been nunc: now fulfilled, completed nūntī: o messenger nūntia: messages percussā: with _____ having been nūntiō: messenger hit, struck Pompēiā percussā: with Pompeia nūntium: message, messenger having been hit, struck nūntius: messenger percussit: hit, struck percutere: to hit, strike 0 percuterent: they were hitting, ō: 0h! striking occupātum: busy, occupied percutientes: hitting, striking occupātus: busy, occupied percutiet: will hit, strike oculī: eyes percutit: hits, strikes oculos: eyes percutiunt: they hit, are hitting oculum: eye perīcula: dangers ōmen: omen, warning, sign perīculō: danger omnēs: all, everyone perpetuō: forever, perpetually omnia: all, everything perterritus: frightened, terrified ostende: show! petēbant: they were seeking, ōstium: doorway, passageway looking for peterent: they were seeking, looking P petit: seeks, is looking for parva: small, little petite: seek out! look for! parvae: small, little petīvit: sought, looked for parvam: small, little placebant: they were pleasing (to) parvis: with small poēta: poet parvīs vocibus: with small voices poētam: poet

(i.e., with soft voices)

populō: to the people pulsāvit: *knocked* populum: the people putābāmus: we were thinking, populus: *the people* thought putābat: was thinking, thought posse: able possent: they were able putant: *they think* possit: is able putās: you think possum: *I am able* putat: thinks possumus: we are able putō: *I think* post: behind, after posuit: put, placed poterant: they were able quā: which poterat: was able quae: who, which potesne: are you able? quam: which praeclāra: famous quattuor: four praeclārī: famous quem: whom praeterīvit: passed, went past quī: who prohibēre: to hinder, block, quia: because prohibit quid: what prope: near, next to quīdam: a certain pūblicē: *publicly* quidem: indeed puella: girl quinque: five puellae: girl's, to the girl quīntam: fifth puellam: girl quis: who puellās: girls quō: which puer: a boy quōcum: with whom puerī: boys quod: which pūgiō: a dagger quōdam: a certain pūgione: with a dagger quōmodo: how pūgionem: a dagger quoque: also pūgiones: daggers quot annis: every year pūgiōnī: to the dagger pūgionibus: daggers, with their daggers R pugnābant: they were fighting rāmīs: with branches, sticks pugnātum est: it was fought, there rāmō: with a branch, stick was fighting rāmum: branch, stick pugnāvit: fought rāmus: branch, stick pulcher: beautiful, handsome rapidē: *rapidly, quickly*

scit: knows rapidius: more quickly, faster scīvit: knew recūsāvit: refused reddidit: returned, gave back scrībat: was writing redīvit: returned, went back scrībēbat: was writing rēgem: king scrībit: writes rēgēs: kings scrīpsī: *I wrote* scrīptum esset: had been written rem: thing removit: removed scriptum est: was written sē: he, she, him, her, themselves respondere: to respond respondit: responded sēcrētum: secret restitūta est: was restored, has been secūtī sunt: they followed restored sed: but rēx: king sedebant: they were sitting rīdēns: laughing sedēbat: was sitting rīdent: they laugh semper: always rīdentēs: laughing senātor: senator rīdiculum: ridiculous senātōrem: senator rīsit: laughed senātorēs: senators rītum: a rite, ritual senātōribus: senators rogāvit: asked senātōris: of the senator rubrī: red senātōrum: of the senators sequēbātur: was following sequentes: *following* S sequī: to follow sacerdotes: priests sī: if sacrificare: to sacrifice sīc: thus, in this way sacrificārī: to be sacrificed sīcut: *like*, *just like* sacrificāvī: I sacrificed significant: they mean, signify sacrificāvit: sacrificed significat: means, signifies sacrificii: of the sacrifice silēns: silent, quiet sacrificium: sacrifice silentī: silent, quiet sanguinem: blood silentium: silence sanguis: blood similēs: similar sciēbam: I knew, was knowing sint: *they are* sciebas: you knew, were knowing sīs: you are sciēbat: knew, was knowing sit: is sciō: I know sōla: alone

sõlum: alone

scire: to know

solus: alone tablīnum: an office tabulae: a writing tablet sonos: sounds sonum: a sound tabulās: *a writing tablet* sordidam: dirty tam: so soror: sister tam . . . ut: so . . . that spectā: watch! tē: you spectābant: they were watching tenēbat: was holding spectābat: was watching tenebrīs: darkness terrā: ground, earth spectābō: *I will watch* spectandum: watching terram: ground, earth ad patrem spectandum: in order terrore: with terror to watch (their) father, for magnō terrōre: with great terror watching (their) father tertius: third testimonio: a will, testament spectans: watching spectant: they watch testimonium: a will, testament theātrī: of the theater spectantes: watching theātrō: theater spectare: to watch theātrum: theater spectās: you watch spectātōrum: of spectators tibi: to you, for you timēbam: I was afraid, scared stābant: they were standing stābat: was standing timēbāmus: we were afraid, scared timebant: they were afraid, scared statua: statue statuae: of the statue timēbat: was afraid, scared timent: they fear, are afraid stulte: foolish timeō: I fear, am afraid stylō: with a stylus stylum: stylus timēre: to be afraid, scared stylus: stylus timet: fears, is afraid timida: frightened, scared suam: his, her (own) timide: frightened, scared subitō: *suddenly* sum: I am timidī: frightened, scared sumus: we are timidus: frightened, scared sunt: *they are* togā: toga, with a toga super: over togae: of his toga suum: his, her (own) togam: toga togīs: togas transīvit: went across, crossed Т tremēbat: was trembling tablīnō: an office trementibus: with trembling

manibus trementibus: with	V
trembling hands	valē: goodbye! farewell!
trēs: three	velle: wants, wanted
tribus: three	venī: come!
trīstēs: sad	veniēbant: <i>they were coming</i>
trīstis: sad	venīret: <i>might come</i>
triumphābant: they were cheering,	vēnit: <i>came</i>
rejoicing.	venīte: come!
triumphābat: was cheering,	verba: words
rejoicing	verbīs: words
triumphat: cheers, rejoices,	vertērunt: <i>they turned</i>
celebrates	viā: <i>road</i>
tū: you	viae: <i>roads</i>
tua: <i>your</i>	viam: <i>road</i>
tuam: <i>your</i>	viās: <i>roads</i>
tuās: your	victimā: sacrificial victim
tunicam: a tunic	victor: a victor, winner
turba: a crowd, mob	vidēbant: <i>they saw, were seeing</i>
turbā: a crowd, mob	vidēbat: saw, was seeing
turbae: of the crowd, mob	vident: they see
turbam: a crowd, mob	videō: <i>I see</i>
tuum: <i>your</i>	vidēre: to see
tyrannus: tyrant	vidērent: <i>they see</i>
	vidēret: sees
U	vīdērunt: <i>they saw</i>
	vidēs: <i>you see</i>
ubi: where	vīdī: <i>I saw</i>
ubīque: everywhere	vīdit: saw
ūna: <i>one</i>	vīgintī: twenty
ūnam: one	viīs: roads
ūnum: one	vir: man
ūnus: <i>one</i>	virī: men
urbe: <i>city</i>	virōs: men
urbem: <i>city</i>	virum: man
urbis: of the city	vīs: violence
ut: so that, in order to	vīsā: with having been seen
uxor: wife	hāc dōmō vīsā: with this house
	having been seen

vīsitābant: they were visiting,

visited

vīsitant: they visit

vīsō: with _____ having been seen gladiō vīsō: with the sword

having been seen

hōc vīsō: with this having been

seen

voce: voice, with a voice magnā voce: with a loud voice

vōcem: voice vōcēs: voices vocibus: with voices

parvīs vōcibus: with small voices

(i.e., with soft voices) volēbant: they wanted

volēbat: wanted volō: I want volunt: they want

vōs: you all vōx: voice

vulnera: wounds

vult: wants

vultne: does (s/he) want?

vultum: face vultūs: faces



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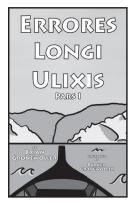
Novellas for Latin I

Ego, Polyphemus

by Andrew Olimpi

Polyphemus the Cyclops' life is pretty simple: he looks after his sheep, hangs out in his cave, writes (horrible) poetry, and eats his cheese...until one day a ship arrives on his peaceful island, bringing with it invaders and turning his peaceful world upside down.





Errores Longi Ulixis, Pars I

by Brian Gronewoller Illustrated by Parker Gronewoller

After ten years of war the Greeks have finally conquered Troy and are ready to sail home. Their actions following the victory, however, have angered Neptune and Minerva. And Odysseus (Ulysses), Eurylochus, and Elpenor are about to learn that angry gods and goddesses can turn a brief cruise across the Mediterranean into a long adventure as they wander through unknown lands filled with strange fruit, cannibals, and monsters.

Aulus Anser

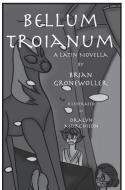
by Andrew Olimpi

Aulus is a goose who lives in ancient Rome on the Capitoline Hill. As one of Juno's sacred geese, his job is to eat his food while the priests carefully observe his actions, looking for good or bad omens.

One day when the Gauls arrive to invade Rome, Aulus thinks that he is responsible—he didn't eat his food and has therefore brought bad fortune to the city! Driven by guilt, he wants to help fix the problem he thinks he created. But what can a little goose do to help defend the Romans against the invaders?



Novellas for Latin II



Bellum Trojanum

by Brian Gronewoller Illustrated by Oralyn Murchison

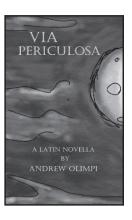
The gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus are enjoying themselves at a party when, suddenly, an apple addressed "to the most beautiful" appears in their midst. The ensuing fight for the apple between Juno, Minerva, and Venus soon spills over to earth and pulls Paris, Helen, Menelaus, Agamemnon, Hector, and Achilles into ten years of war between Greece and Troy.

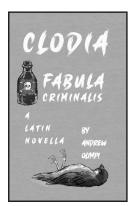
Via Periculosa

by Andrew Olimpi

Niceros is a Greek slave on the run in ancient Italy, avoiding capture, and seeking his one true love, Melissa. However, a chance encounter at an inn sets in motion a harrowing chain of events that lead to murder, mayhem, mystery, and a bit of magic.

Loosely adapted from the Roman author Petronius, Via Periculosa is an exciting and surprising supernatural thriller suitable for Latin readers in their early years of study.





Clodia: Fabula Criminalis

by Andrew Olimpi

"I love you and I hate you at the same time."

Love, lies, betrayal, extortion . . . just another day in the life of Clodia, a wealthy Roman woman who will do anything to get what she wants. When she spots a handsome young poet named Catullus at a dinner party, this chance encounter sparks a whirlwind romance. Rather than leading to a fairy-tale ending, however, this relationship brings only heartache, jealousy, and murder.

Novellas for Latin III and Up

Camilla, 2nd ed.

by Rachel Ash

Camilla runs with the nymphs and hunts better than most men. She is nearly invincible in the battlefield, and it seems she cannot miss with either arrow or spear. Raised in the woods by her father, only her great beauty sets her apart from the men she fights beside.

Camilla's fate, like her father's, is bound in the quest for glory. She can remain home, companion to the goddess Diana, or seek to become part of a legend. What will Camilla choose?





Perpetua et Felicitas

by Brian Gronewoller Illustrated by Miles Cleveland

Perpetua and Felicity are young women living in Roman North Africa with their whole lives ahead of them . . . until they find themselves in a Roman prison cell.

Based on the Passio Perpetuae et Felicitatis (The Passion of Perpetua and Felicity), one of the most influential and famous martyr narratives in the Christian tradition, this Latin novella reimagines their stories for low- to mid-intermediate readers of Latin.

Vox in Tenebris

by Andrew Olimpi

Lucanus, a Roman citizen travelling through Greece, has a big problem: he is far from home, broke, and desperate to make some quick money.

A job opportunity soon comes his way, with a big reward: one hundred gold coins! The catch? Lucanus has to stay up all night with the dead body of a prominent citizen. Lucanus takes the job, even though he's heard the stories that citizens of the town whisper: tales of witches, ruthless and bloodthirsty, who wander the streets after the sun goes down.

