

LATIN PROSE COMPOSITION EXERCISES (INTERM)

PURPOSE CLAUSES

1. The children hurried to the forum in order to see the emperor himself arriving.
2. I am trying to read this book in order to learn many new facts about Latin.
3. Some woman has stolen much food in order to give it to her happy husband.
4. The generals will lead some slaves back to Rome in order to be praised by many.
5. So that she would not lose the gold, the woman hid it under the earth.
6. Horatius swam across the river so as not to be captured by the Etruscans.
7. To attack the inhabitants of that region, Caesar was forced to send for his fleet.
8. Let us send out patrols, so as not to be taken off our guard by the enemy.
9. Twenty thousand citizens had assembled to watch the games.
10. Let us go out on to the shore to look for (some) fish.

INDIRECT COMMANDS

- 1. I would greatly like to ask that boy who is singing to shut up for an hour.**
- 2. Have you ordered the lazy slaves to cook dinner today?**
- 3. We had just persuaded the tired sailors to depart when a storm arose.**
- 4. You were urging your brother not to annoy the dog in case he should be attacked.**
- 5. Jurymen, I advise you to acquit the defendant because of his youth.**
- 6. The old man persuaded us to seek safety by flight.**
- 7. My brothers ask me to tell you that they are not willing to sell the farm.**
- 8. I urged them to confess that they had taken up arms against us.**
- 9. The general ordered three cohorts to advance and seize the nearest hill.**
- 10. The natives begged Caesar to let them go back to their kinsfolk (= *sui*)**

RESULT CLAUSES

- 1. The soldiers were so cowardly that they were not able to attack the enemy.**
- 2. We have so many slaves that we are not able to count them.**
- 3. Such was the fall of foolish Icarus that his father's sad hands fell too.**
- 4. So great was the majesty of the queen that the victor was captured by love of the captive.**
- 5. You sing so badly that nobody wishes to hear you.**
- 6. The wall is so high that we cannot see the flowers.**
- 7. The king was so cruel that he was driven out of his kingdom by the angry citizens.**
- 8. The theatre is so huge that all the inhabitants can watch the play at once.**
- 9. So completely did the guide deceive us that we did not foresee the ambush.**
- 10. The illness is so serious that he will die tomorrow.**

INDIRECT QUESTIONS

- 1. He didn't know when the boat had been destroyed.**
- 2. Your teacher is asking what you have done in school today.**
- 3. Do you know why there are no frogs in my garden?**
- 4. I tried to find out whether my dog was alive or dead.**
- 5. I remember where I met him and what he promised to do.**
- 6. The old man does not remember how many years he has lived in the same village.**
- 7. Pliny decided to ask Trajan whether he wished the Christians to be punished.**
- 8. It was uncertain which of the two consuls had won the greater victory.**
- 9. The slaves do not know if their master will free them.**
- 10. It is wonderful how often he sings the same song.**

INDIRECT STATEMENTS

- 1. The frogs believed that their king was nothing other than a little plank of wood.**
- 2. We hope that you will return the money to us tomorrow, you wicked man.**
- 3. You (pl) heard that no-one had done the work except the best pupils.**
- 4. It is not doubtful that the laid-back farmers, who never do any work, have slept the whole day.**
- 5. It is clear that you also hold the same opinion.**
- 6. You will be set free if you promise to give back the plunder.**
- 7. It seems, my son, that you prefer wealth to fame.**
- 8. It is well known that the Germans are more cruel than the Gauls.**
- 9. The guards said that no-one had tried to enter the citadel.**
- 10. It was reported that ten ships had been wrecked by the force of the wind.**

TEMPORAL CLAUSES

- 1. When Caesar had crossed the river, he fiercely waged war in Rome.**
- 2. When I was running home, I chanced to find some money in the street.**
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- 4. While my daughter ate her food, she made horrible noises.**
- 5. The poet went on writing in the evening until he could no longer see the tablets.**
- 6. After the fleet had left the harbour, a very high wind suddenly sprang up.**
- 7. Before Caesar crossed the river, he repaired the bridge.**
- 8. While I was living in the country, I used to run three miles every day.**
- 9. We remained in hiding until the signal was given.**
- 10. While this was taking place in Italy, Hannibal left Spain with a huge army.**

CONDITIONAL CLAUSES

- 1. If you go down to the woods today, you will see friendly bears.**
- 2. If they hadn't shouted, they would not have been heard.**
- 3. If I were you, I would not open those doors.**
- 4. I should be ashamed if I had neglected that duty.**
- 5. If we were to lead our army far away, we would capture many enemies.**
- 6. Unless he is willing to trust us it will be very difficult to cure him.**
- 7. If he ever saw me in the street, he pretended not to know me.**
- 8. You would read that book much more easily if you had learnt the words.**
- 9. If I did not think the journey safe, I should not be urging you to come here.**
- 10. If you had not pretended to understand, I should have used shorter words.**