

# LATIN CASE USAGES

modelled on Kennedy

## Accusatives

NAME	KENNEDY	EXAMPLES	NOTES
Direct object	204	solem videmus	denotes target of verb
Subject	207	solem fulgere videmus	indirect statements only
Factitive verbs	206	Socrates totius se mundi civem arbitrabatur (Cicero)	making, saying, thinking, choosing, showing
2x accusative verbs	208	Racilius...me sententiam rogavit (Cicero)	teaching, asking, concealing
Cognate	212	Fortuna ludum insolentem ludit (Horace)	for verbs which are otherwise intransitive
Motion	211	eo Romam	with 'ad' unless town, small island, domus, rus
Exclamation	209, 404	me miserum! o tempora! o mores!	imagined verb (especially when selling: "Cauneas!")
Time How Long	278	multos annos	duration of event; occasionally ablative is used instead
Extent of Space	281, 282, 283	reliquae legions magnum spatium aberant	ablative is also used for 'space lying between'
Respect	213	tremat artus (Virgil) nudae lacertos (Tacitus)	usually for body parts and mainly in poetry (see 235)

## Genitives

NAME	KENNEDY	EXAMPLES	NOTES
Possessive	254	regis copiae (Cicero)	denotes owner
Descriptive	249	acervus frumenti obtorti circulus auri	denotes content or material of another noun
Quality	255	ingenui vultus puer ingenuique pudoris (Juvenal)	always with an adjective in agreement (when adj. is a number, noun denotes 'kind', permanent state)
Characteristic	251	cuiusvis hominis est errare (Cicero)	est + genitive + infinitive "the mark of" / "typical of" / "characteristic of"
Appositional	248	nomen regis ars scribendi	alternative to apposition
Author	250	legendi sunt vobis Platonis libri (Cicero)	watch out for confusions: <i>ea statua dicebatur esse Myronis</i> (Cicero)
Value	257	nulla possessio pluris quam virtus aestimanda est (Cicero)	magni, parvi, plurimi, minimi, nihili [value], tanti, quanti, pluris, minoris [rough price]
Partitive	258	aliquid pristini roboris conservat (Cicero)	'trigger words': satis, nimis, parum & neuter pronouns (aliquid, quid...)
Subjective / Objective	261, 262	amor patris (two interpretations...)	subjective gen. is subject of imagined sentence; objective gen. is object of imagined sentence
Assorted verbs and adjectives	252, 253, 264	alter latrocinii reus, alter caedis convictus est (Cicero)	esp. courtroom, abundance and memory

## Datives

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Indirect Object	215	tibi librum sollicito damus aut fesso (Horace)	denotes indirect target of verb
Reference	221	sic vos non vobis mellificatis, apes! (Virgil)	two specific varieties are dative of advantage and dative of disadvantage
Agent	222	ut tibi ambulandum, sic mihi dormiendum est (Cicero)	only for gerundives but occasionally after PPP or –bilis adjectives (contrast ablative of agent)
Ethic	223	quid mihi Celsus agit? (Horace)	marks interest (mihi) or calls attention (tibi). [i.e. mihi = 'dic mihi!' and tibi = 'dico tibi!']
Possessive	224	est mihi plenus Albani cadus (Horace)	est + dative + nominative emphasis on possession rather than possessor
Predicative	225	exitio est avidum mare nautis (Horace)	est + dative + dative dat. 1 as if predicating nom.; for dat. 2 see 221
Purpose	226	Vercingetorix locum castris deligit (Caesar)	acid test: can you insert the words 'for the purpose of'?
Direction	227	it clamor caelo (Virgil)	in poetry, instead of accusative of motion
Assorted adjectives	218	hortus ubi et tecto vicinus iugis aquae fons (Horace)	esp. nearness, fitness, likeness, help, kindness, trust, obedience
Assorted verbs (intransitive)	216	victrix causa deis placuit (Lucan)	credo, faveo, fido, ignosco, impero, minor, noceo, nubo, placeo, pareo, servio, suadeo

## Ablatives

NAME	KENNEDY	EXAMPLES	NOTES
Separation	229	populus Atheniensis Phocionem patria pepulit (Horace)	with 'a/ab', 'de' or 'e/ex' unless town, small island, domus, rus
Origin	230	Atreus, Tantalos prognatus, Pelope natus (Cicero)	especially to imply descent
Quality	234	senex promissa barba, horrenti capillo (Pliny)	always with an adjective in agreement (for physical features, temporary state of mind, permanent state)
Manner	236	iam veniet tacito curva senecta pede (Ovid)	noun phrase functions as adverb (c.f. quality, where noun phrase functions as adjective)
Agent	239	leges a Numa datae sunt	noun is animate and is preceded by a/ab (contrast dative of agent).
Instrument or Means	240	hi iaculis, illi certant defendere saxis (Virgil)  dente lupus, cornu taurus petit	noun is inanimate (if physical = instrument and if abstract = means) and is not preceded by a/ab
Cause	243	coeptis immanibus effera Dido (Virgil)	acid test: can you insert 'due to', 'because of' or 'what with'?
Comparison	231	nihil est amabilius virtute (Cicero)	only after comparatives (alternative is quam followed by same case)
Measure of difference	244	sol multis partibus maior est quam luna (Cicero)  Hibernia dimidio minor est	only after comparatives (usually quam or the ablative of comparison is also present)
Respect	235	et corde et genibus tremit (Horace)	sometimes after comparatives; acid test: can you insert the words 'in respect of?'; c.f. 213
Price	245	servum quadraginta minis emit	with adjs and vbs of buying/selling; denotes exact or rough price (magno, parvo, etc.)

Time When	246	prima hora secundo die tertio anno	an exact time for an event; AT an hour, ON a day, IN a month/year
Time During Which	246	paucis diebus	a range of time within which an event may have occurred
Place	246	in Italia (BUT Romae...)	with 'in' unless town, small island, domus, rus (these use LOCATIVE without preposition)
Absolute	237	nil desperandum Teucro duce (Horace)	sometimes participle is only implied (verb 'to be' has no present participle)
Assorted verbs	241, 229, 233	Numidiae ferina carne vescebantur (Sallust)	several deponent vbs and especially vbs implying separation/abundance