Chapter 1/2

Sentence types, nom, and acc. cases

- 1 Scintilla laborāt (subject, verb)
- 2 Horātia est puella (subject, linking verb, subjective complement)
- **3** Horātia fessa est (subject, subjective complement, linking verb)

The **linking verb** does not describe an action but simply joins the subject to the completing word, the **subjective complement**: Horātia is

The complement can be either a **noun** (puella) or an **adjective** (fessa).

4 puella Scintillam salūtat (subject, direct object, verb)

Subject ends -a and object ends -am.

The **subject case**, ending in **-a**, is the **nominative**.

The object case, ending in -am, is the accusative.

Word endings need to be observed with great care, since they determine sense in Latin.

Chapter 3

Agreement of adjectives, verbs

Adjectives always agree with the nouns they describe; **they have the same number, case** and **gender**.

The complement of the verb est always agrees with the subject.

Verbs always agree with the subject in number.

Chapter 3

Noun declensions, nom. and acc. cases

Latin nouns are divided into classes, called declensions.

1st declension nouns, with nominative ending **-a**, follow this pattern:

nominative (subject) puell-a accusative (object) puell-am

2nd declension nouns, with nominative ending **-us**, follow this pattern:

nominative (subject)colon-uspu-erag-eraccusative (object)colon-umpuer-umagr-um

Notice that there are two types of nouns ending **-er**; one type keeps the **e** of the nominative in the other cases, e.g., **puer**, **puer-um**; the other drops it, e.g., **ager**, **agr-um**.

Chapter 3

Verb forms

Latin verbs fall into four classes called **conjugations**, which differ in the endings of their stems:

1st conjugation stems in -a, e.g., par-ō, para-t, parā-re stems in -e, e.g., mone-ō, mone-t, monē-re stems in consonants, e.g., reg-ō, reg-it, rege-re stems in -i, e.g., audi-ō, audi-t, audī-re

Working ahead from Chapter 4; ignoring irregular and 3io conjugations here.

Chapter 3

Gender

Nearly all *nouns* of 1st decl. with nom. ending -a are *feminine*. All *nouns* of 2nd decl. with nom. ending -us and -er are *masculine*. Many *nouns* of 2nd decl. with nom. and acc. endings of -um are *neuter*.

Adjectives have masculine, feminine and neuter endings:

masc. fem. neuter
magn-us magn-a magn-um big
This is abbreviated to magn-us, -a, -um.

The case endings for the *masculine* are the same as for **colonus**. The case endings for the *feminine* are the same as for **puell-a**. The case endings for the *neuter* are the same as for **bell-um**.

Chapter 4

Singular and plural verbs

Verbs, nouns and adjectives have differents sets of endings for singular and plural.

	1st person singular
1st conjugation	para-t he/she prepares
2nd conjugation	mone-t he/she warns
3rd conjugation	regi-t he/she rules
4th conjugation	audi-t he/she hears
irregular (esse)	es-t he/she is

3rd person plural
para-nt they prepare
mone-nt they warn
reg-unt they rule (short i changes to u before nt)

reg-unt they rule (short i changes to u before n audi-unt they hear (long i retained then unt) su-nt they are

Chapter 4 Singular and plural nouns and adjectives

Nouns (with **adjectives** in agreement), endings for *singular* and *plural*:

nominative	1st decl. (fem.) 2nd decl. (masc.)	singular puell-a colōn-us	plural puell-ae colōn-ī
		puer	puer-ī
accusative	1st decl. (fem.) 2nd decl. (masc.)	puella-m colōn-um puer-um	puell-ās colōn-ōs puer-ōs

Note: **ille** (that man, he) and **illa** (that woman, she) are commonly used to indicate a change of subject: Scintilla Horātiam vocat; illa (Horātia) accēdit.

Chapter 5

Verbs, present tense, all persons

Latin changes the verb endings to show which person is acting. The endings are the same for all types of verbs (with the noted irregularities):

singular 1 -	ō I	plural	1	-mus	we
2 -	s yo	ou	2	-tis	you (all)
3 -	t he	e/she	3	-nt	they

2nd conjugation follows this template, endings after the stem **-e 1st conjugation** varies in 1s, stem **-a** is omitted

3rd conjugation is irreg.; adds ${\bf u}$ at 2s, 3s, 1p, 2p; adds ${\bf u}$ at 3p **4th conjugation** is irreg.; adds ${\bf u}$ at 3p

sum, esse: sum, e-s, es-t, su-mus, es-tis, su-nt

Chapter 5

Ablative case

Ablative case is used now only after certain prepositions: in agro, a casa.

	1st declension	2nd declension	
	puell-a	colōn-us	ager
abl. singular	puell-ā	colōn-ō	agr-ō
abl. plural	puell-īs	colōn-īs	agr-īs

Note that in the **nominative singular** of the 1st decl. **-a** is short, in the **ablative** it is long. 1st decl. nouns ending with long **-ā** are in the ablative.

Sentence diagrams:

Quintus in agrō laborāt (subj, prep, abl, verb)

Flaccus Argum in agrum dūcit (subj, direct obj, prep, acc, verb)

Chapter 5

Prepositions

Words like *into*, *in*, *from* which together with a noun expand action of the verb: **in casam festīnat** (where she hurries); **in agrō laborāt** (where he labors)

Prepositions expressing *motion towards* are followed by the *accusative*: in agrum, ad agrum

Prepositions expressing *place where* and *motion from* are followed by the *ablative*: **in agrō**, **ab agrō**

cum takes the ablative; cum puellā

$$\mathbf{in} + acc = \text{into} ->$$
 $\mathbf{in} + abl = \text{in}$
 $\mathbf{ad} + acc = \text{to} ->$
 $\mathbf{\bar{a}}, \mathbf{ab} + abl = \text{from} ->$