

Word Studies

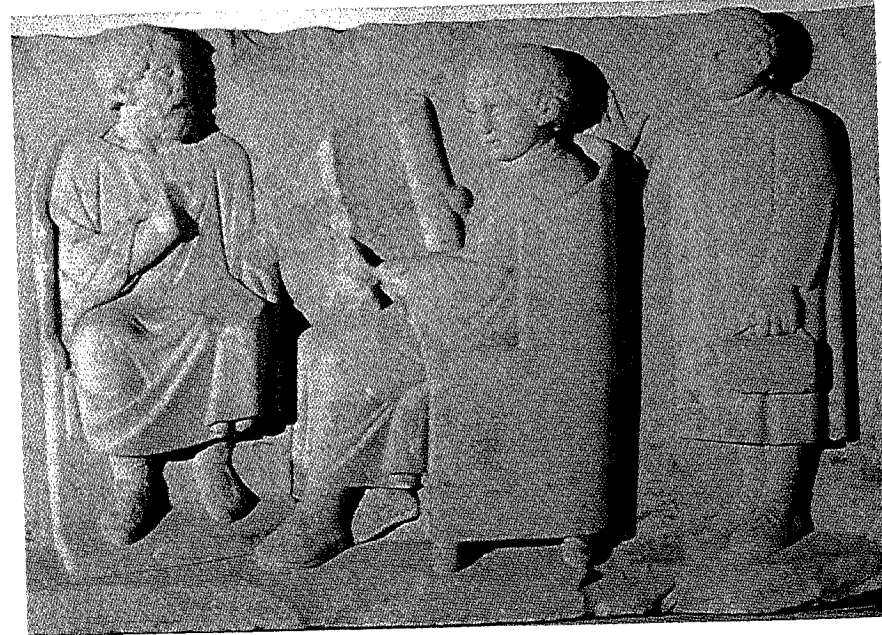
1. What are *commodities* and why are they so called? Why does a good student "pursue" his or her *studies*? Can you explain the word *cereal*? Give three more derivatives of *varius*.
2. Here are some Latin phrases in English:
auxiliō ab altō, by aid from (on) high
victoria, non praeda, victory, not loot
Montanī semper liberī, Mountaineers (are) always free (motto of the state of West Virginia).
ex officiō, out of (as a result of) one's duty or office; for example, a president of an organization may be a member of a committee *ex officio* as a result of his office as president.

Latin for American Students

Did you know that the Romans often celebrated holidays as many as 132 days each year during the rule of Augustus? Popular forms of holiday entertainment were the games, circus, or the theater. The great public games (lūdī) were free entertainments originally provided by the state to honor a god or goddess. They consisted of lūdī scaenicī (dramas and comedies at theaters), mūnera gladiātoria (staged combat between gladiators), and lūdī circensēs (chariot races and other exhibitions in a circus).

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Magister discipulum tardum terret. While one boy begins to read from his roll, the teacher rebukes a latecomer. From a sculptured relief now in Treves, Germany.



LESSON XXI

Plāgōsus Orbilius

Multa dē clārīs Rōmānīs ā magistrō tuō audiēs et ex librīs trahēs. Venīte, puerī et puellae! Nunc audiētis fābulam novam dē magistrō Orbiliō et dē discipulō eius¹ Quīntō.

Orbilius grammaticus dūrus erat; saepe discipulōs tardōs poenā afficiēbat. Quīntus saepe tardus erat, quod in viīs Rōmānīs pater eius¹ multa dē vītā mōnstrābat.

In scholā Orbilius discipulis nūntiāvit: "Librī vestrī multa adiectīva² continent, quae litterīs -ōsus finiuntur.³ Litterae -ōsus sunt signum plēnitūdinis.⁴ Spectāte; mōnstrāre incipiam:

"Verbum—verb-ōsus. Liber multa verba continet. Liber est plēnus⁵ verbōrum. Liber verbōsus est. Spectāte.

"Glōria—glōri-ōsus. Patria magnam glōriam accipiet. Patria plēna glōriae erit. Patria glōriōsa erit. Spectāte.

"Iniūria—iniūri-ōsus. Bellum plēnum iniūriārum est. Bellum iniūriōsum est.

"Sed ubi est Quīntus Horātius? Tardusne est? Nōnne est semper tardus? Studiōsus nōn est—ōtiōsus est. Poenā Quīntum afficiam—multās plāgās⁶ dōnābō."

Et poenā nōn grātā miserum Quīntum affēcit. Sed nunc Orbilius famōsus est. Cūr? Quod tardus discipulus Quīntus erat Quīntus Horātius²⁰ Flaccus, clārus poēta Rōmānus. Postea Horātius poēta magistrum Orbiliū "plāgōsum Orbiliū" in librō appellāvit, quod Orbilius plēnus plāgārum fuerat.⁶ Quod Horātius verbum novum "plāgōsum" invēnit, multī discipulī plāgōsum Orbiliū memoriā tenuērunt et semper tenēbunt.

QUESTIONS

1. What would be a good name for Orbilius today?
2. What English derivatives can you form by adding -ōsus to *victōria*, *cōpia*, *cūra*?

- ¹ his
- ² adjectives
- ³ which end with the letters -ōsus
- ⁴ of fullness
- ⁵ whacks (with a stick or whip)
- ⁶ had been