

Intensive Latin 1

Week 8: Reading Latin 3a

Aims

- Learn to form and use the pronoun *is, ea, id*
- Introduce the accusative of time
- Learn to form and translate comparative and superlative adjectives
- Introduce irregular comparatives and superlatives

Demonstrative pronouns/adjectives:

is, ea, id (that, (pl) those; he, she, it)

	Singular			Plural		
	Masc	Fem	Neut	Masc	Fem	Neut
Nominative	is	ea	id	ei	eae	ea
Accusative	eum	eam	id	eos	eas	ea
Genitive	eius	eius	eius	eorum	earum	eorum
Dative	ei	ei	ei	eis	eis	eis
Ablative	eo	ea	eo	eis	eis	eis

Accusative of Time

- We have already learned how the ablative can be used to mean ‘time when’ or ‘time within which’.
- The accusative, by contrast, is used to express ‘duration of time’: ‘for’, ‘throughout’, ‘during’.
- The accusative may be prefaced with *per*, but can also stand alone.
- eg. *per eam noctem* – throughout that night
eam noctem – throughout that night
decem dies pugnant – they fight for ten days

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ADD THE ACCUSATIVE OF TIME TO
YOUR LIST OF ACCUSATIVE USES



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ON PP106-07

Comparative and superlative adjectives

- The adjectives we have learned so far have been what we call 'positive' adjectives. That is to say these are the 'normal' forms of adjectives.
- We need to add to these:
 - Comparatives: in English, these are adjectives ending in –er or prefaced by 'more', eg. bigger, longer, softer, more difficult etc. The Latin comparative also covers the meaning 'quite big' etc.
 - Superlatives: in English, these are adjectives ending in –est or prefaced by 'most', eg. biggest, longest, softest, most difficult. The Latin superlative also covers the meaning 'very big' etc.

Comparative adjectives: *laetior, laetius* (happier) – 3rd declension endings

Note the distinctive endings for m/f = -ior (n = -ius), like -er in English.

	Singular			Plural		
	Masc	Fem	Neut	Masc	Fem	Neut
Nominative	laetior	laetior	laetius	laetiores	laetiores	laetiora
Vocative	laetior	laetior	laetius	laetiores	laetiores	laetiora
Accusative	laetiorem	laetiorem	laetius	laetiores	laetiores	laetiora
Genitive	laetioris	laetioris	laetioris	laetiorum	laetiorum	laetiorum
Dative	laetiori	laetiori	laetiori	laetioribus	laetioribus	laetioribus
Ablative	laetiore	laetiore	laetiore	laetioribus	laetioribus	laetioribus

Superlative adjectives: *laetissimus, -a, -um* (happiest) – 2-1-2 declension endings

Note the distinctive -issi- (or -erri-) as with -est in English.

	Singular			Plural		
	Masc	Fem	Neut	Masc	Fem	Neut
Nominative	laetissimus	laetissima	laetissimum	laetissimi	laetissimae	laetissima
Vocative	laetissime	laetissima	laetissimum	laetissimi	laetissimae	laetissima
Accusative	laetissimum	laetissimam	laetissimum	laetissimos	laetissimas	laetissima
Genitive	laetissimi	laetissimae	laetissimi	laetissimorum	laetissimarum	laetissimorum
Dative	laetissimo	laetissimae	laetissimo	laetissimis	laetissimis	laetissimis
Ablative	laetissimo	laetissima	laetissimo	laetissimis	laetissimis	laetissimis

Irregular comparative and superlative adjectives

	Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Good, better, best	bonus	melior	optimus
Bad, worse, worst	malus	peior	pessimus
Much, more, most	multus	plus*	plurimus
Big, bigger, biggest	magnus	maior	maximus
Small, smaller, smallest	paruus	minor	minimus

Note slight irregularities when declining *plus* – see page 110.

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LEARN TO FORM AND RECOGNIZE
COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE
ADJECTIVES



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Homework

The homework to be submitted for formative assessment this week is:

- *RL* Latin-English p. 111

Deadline Sunday 26 November 2023.

The Turnitin link will go live Monday 20 November and can be found in the Moodle section for 3a.
