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# Author's Note



Although I did the original Latin composition for the first draft of this book, my translations have been extensively corrected, meticulously polished, and felicitously rephrased by J. Mark Sugars, Ph.D., without whose assistance I would have been in *merda profundissima* (very deep doo-doo). Thus, to the extent that the classical constructions herein are historically appropriate, grammatically accurate, and culturally apt, it is he who deserves the imposing, but tasteful, triumphal arch on the sunny side of the Forum, just below the Palatine Hill. If, however, there are any *errata ignominiosa* (boners), it is I and I alone who should be exiled to the remote, windswept tip of some godforsaken island inhabited by rude barbarians. (The Hamptons will do nicely.)

That said, I have to confess that even the most dedicated Latin purist inevitably succumbs to the temptation to make a cheap joke at the expense of the noble tongue of Rome's golden age, and I am no exception. Therefore, in the interests of scholarly integrity, I am compelled to concede that there is no Latin verb "*geronimo, geronimare*" meaning "to express an intention to act boldly or rashly," say, just prior to jumping off a bridge, and if a Roman diner wished to remark, "I will recommend this restaurant," "*zago, zagas,*

*zagat*" is not the way he would have phrased it. The rest of the Augustan yadda-yadda ("*iaddo, iaddere, iaddedi, iadditum*") is as kosher as we could make it.

Oh, all right. Yadda-yadda is actually *blatero, blaterare*. Sheesh.

# Preface

## PRAEFATIO

*pry-FAH-tih-oh*



It's often said that Latin is a dead language  
**Lingua Latina saepe dicitur mortua esse**  
LEEN-gwah lah-TEE-nah SIGH-pay DEE-kih-tuhr MOHR-too-  
ah EHS-seh

Baloney!

**Nugas!**

NOO-gahss!

It's just been taking a long nap  
**Modum iam pridem meridiatur**  
MOH-duhm yahm PREE-dehm meh-ree-dih-AH-tuhr

And it's been talking a lot in its sleep  
**Iam diu autem multa verba facit dormiens**  
Yahm DIH-ooh OW-tehm MOOL-tah WEHR-bah FAY-kiht  
DOHR-mih-ehns

In fact, you can't get it to shut up  
**Re vera, non potes eam in silentium redigere**  
Ray WAY-rah nohn POH-tess EH-ahm ihn sih-LAYN-tih-uhm  
reh-DIHG-eh-reh

Look around—Latin is all over the place, like a cheap toga  
**Circumspice—Lingua Latina se pandit ubique tanquam  
toga vilis**

KEER-kuhm-spih-keh—LEEN-gwah lah-TEE-nah say PAHN-  
diht ooh-BEE-kweh TAHN-kwaum TOH-gah WIH-liss

Lawyers use it to screw you

**Iurisperiti ea utuntur ut te defraudent**

Yoo-riss-peh-REE-tee EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr uht tay deh-FROW-  
dehnt

Doctors use it to scare you shitless

**Medici hac lingua utuntur ut alvum evacues ex metu**  
MEH-dih-kee hock LEEN-gwah uh-TOON-tuhr uht AHL-wuhm  
ay-WAH-koo-ays eks MEH-tooh

Politicians use it to hide their tracks while they rob you  
blind

**Magistratus ea utuntur ad operienda vestigia cum te  
despoliant**

Mah-gihs-TRAH-toohs EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr ahd oh-pehr-ih-  
AYN-dah wehs-TEE-gih-ah kuhm tay deh-SPOH-lih-ahnt

Priests use it to weasel their way out when they get caught  
playing hide-the-sausage with the altar boys

**Sacerdotes in stupro cum acolytis deprehensi ea  
utuntur ut se criminibus absolvant**

Sah-kehr-DOH-tays ihn STOOP-roh kuhm ah-koh-LEE-teese  
day-preh-HAYN-see EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr uht say krih-  
MIHN-ih-buhss ahb-SOHL-wahnt

Even garden supply stores use it to get you to buy  
overpriced, short-lived houseplants

**Etiam venditores rerum hortensium ea utuntur ad  
persuadendum tibi ut emas maximo pretio plantas  
vitae brevis**

EH-tih-ahm wehn-dih-TOHR-ace RAY-ruhm hohr-TAYN-sih-  
uhm EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr ahd pehr-swah-DAYN-duhm  
TIH-bee uht EH-mahs MAHK-sih-moh PREH-tih-oh PLAHN-  
tahs WEE-tye BREH-wihss

The fact is, for too long these dirtbags have had a  
monopoly on this mighty tongue

**Diutius quidem haec propudia monopolio huius  
magnifici sermonis fruuntur**

Dih-OO-tih-uhs KWIH-dehm hike proh-POOH-dih-ah moh-noh-  
POH-lih-oh HOO-eeh-uhss mahg-NIH-fih-kee sehr-MOH-  
nihss frooh-OON-tuhr

But now, thanks to this little book, you too can tap the  
awsome power of Latin to dismay the ignorant  
multitudes

**Nunc vero, huius libelli gratia, tu quoque potentia  
reverenda linguae Latinae uti potes ad indoctum  
vulgus consternandum**

Nuhnk WAY-roh, HOO-eeh-uhss lih-BEHL-lee GRAH-tih-ah, too  
KWOH-kweh poh-TAYN-tih-ah reh-weh-RAYN-dah LEEN-  
gwick LAH-tih-nigh OO-tee POH-tehss ahd ihn-DOHK-tuhm  
WUHL-guhs kohn-stehr-NAHN-duhm

And best of all, you'll be able to insult and abuse one and all in perfect safety, using a language that everyone respects but practically no one understands

**Atque haec est optima ratio omnium: maledicere  
cunctis hominibus et contumeliam imponere satis  
impune poteris verbis augustis quae cum omnes  
magno aestimant, tum nemo ferme intellegit**

AHT-kweh hike eht OHP-tih-mah RAH-tih-oh OHM-nih-uhm:  
mah-leh-DEEK-eh-reh KOONK-tees hoh-MIHN-ih-buhss eht  
kohn-tuh-MAY-lih-ahm ihm-POH-neh-reh SAH-tihss ihm-  
POO-neh poh-TEH-rihss WAYR-beese ow-GOOS-teese kwy  
kuhm OHM-nays MAHG-noh EYE-stih-mahnt tuhm NEH-  
mo FAYR-meh ihn-TEHL-leh-giht

And as you pepper your speech with catapult-powered put-downs, remember the immortal words of Maximus as he signaled the attack in Pannonia

**Itaque cum spargis orationem tuam praepotentibus  
opprobriis, memento verborum immortalium quae  
Maximus fecit signum dans in Pannonia:**

Ih-TAH-kweh kuhm SPAHR-ghiss oh-rah-tih-OH-nehm TOO-  
ahm prigh-poh-TAYN-tih-buhss ohp-PROH-brih-eehs, meh-  
MEHN-toh wayr-BOH-ruhm ihm-mohr-TAH-lih-uhm kwigh  
MAHK-sih-muhss FAY-kiht SIHG-nuhm dahns ihn Pahn-  
NOH-nih-ah:

Unleash hell!

**Solve lora infernis!**

SOHL-weh LOH-rah ihn-FEHR-nihss!

And have a nice day!  
**Et futue te ipsum!**  
*Eht FUH-too-eh tay IHP-suhm*

## Latin Terms in Modern English

### LEGAL LATIN

<i>Latin word or phrase</i>	<i>English meaning</i>
in flagrante delicto	
habeas corpus	
prima facie	
nolo contendere	
res ipsa loquitur	

### MEDICAL LATIN

<i>Latin word or phrase</i>	<i>English meaning</i>
macula	
fistula	
carcinoma	
angina	
medulla oblongata	

## POLITICAL LATIN

<i>Latin word or phrase</i>	<i>English meaning</i>
pro forma	
ex officio	
per diem	
sine qua non	
quid pro quo	

}

the fix is in

## ECCLESIASTICAL LATIN

<i>Latin word or phrase</i>	<i>English meaning</i>
ex cathedra	
in pectore	
urbi et orbi	
in hoc signo vinces	
sic transit gloria mundi	

}

the bishop is not available

## BOTANICAL LATIN

<i>Latin word or phrase</i>	<i>English meaning</i>
grandiflora	
tomentosa	
pendula	
rugosa	
semperflorens	

}

leafless clump of dry brown  
twigs in one week flat

# Basic Latin Pronunciation Guide

## VOWELS

<i>a</i>	if long, as in “blah”; if short, as in “rub-a-dub”
<i>e</i>	if long, as in “olē”; if short as in “feh”
<i>i</i>	if long, as in “’zine”; if short as in “zit”
<i>o</i>	if long, as in “d’oh”; if short as in “not”
<i>u</i>	if long, as in “dude”; if short as in “wassup”

There is really no simple way to tell if a vowel is long or short, but if the word is short—one syllable—treat the vowel as short. The last syllable of verb endings are almost always short. If *a*, *i*, *o*, or *u*, come at the end of a word, they’re long; if *e* comes at the end of a word, it’s short. If a vowel is followed by two consonants, it’s long. For other situations, pronuntia utrolibet modo! (wing it!)

## DIPHTHONGS

<i>ae</i>	as in “Thai”
<i>au</i>	as in “ouch”
<i>ei</i>	as in “hey”
<i>eu</i>	as in “hey, you”
<i>oe</i>	as in “goy”
<i>ui</i>	as in “ptui”

## CONSONANTS

*b*, *d*, *f*, *h*, *l*, *m*, *n*, and *p* are the same as in English. So are *k* and *z*, which are rare in Latin anyway. *j*, *w*, and the consonant *y* don’t exist in Latin.

- c, ch* always “k.” That’s a KIGH-sahr salad you ordered. You want ANN-koh-veese with that?
- g, gn* always “guh.” The Romans were fighting the GUHR-mahns, not the JUR-mahns, and when they gave the signal to attack, it was a SIHG-nuhm (trumpet blast) not a SEE-nuhm (large bowl).
- i* always “yuh.” It’s thanks to YOO-lih-uhss (not JOO-lee-yuss) that we celebrate the fourth of July instead of the fourth of Quintil.
- r* you can rrroll your r’s even if they’rrre the last lettterr of a worrrd.
- s* always “sss.” The Roman fanss (not fanz) were animalss (not animalz).
- t, th* always “teh.” Teh-hey teh-rew teh-hings at eak ot-teh-her during teh-he nah-tih-oh-nahl (not nashunal) ant-hem (not anthum).
- v* always “w.” The volcano that vaporized Pompeii was Weh-SOO-wee-uhss.

There are no silent letters in Latin—every vowel (unless it’s part of a two-syllable diphthong) and every consonant is always pronounced fully, and often separately. Of course, there are also no actual Romans around to give you the stink-eye when you mess up.

I



LINGUA LATINA  
TIRONIBUS

**Beginning Latin**



# Narratiuncula—

## A LITTLE STORY



Puellae filiae agricolarum sunt

**The girls are the daughters of the farmers**

Puellae pulchrae sunt

**The girls are pretty**

Puellae nautas in via spectant

**The girls see the sailors in the street**

Nautae pulchri sunt

**The sailors are hunks**

Puellae nautas salutant

**The girls say hello to the sailors**

O malam fortunam! Nautae male mares sunt

**Too bad! The sailors are homos**

Nautae ad puellas digitos impudicos porrigit

**The sailors give the girls the finger**

Puellae nautas appellant

**The girls call out to the sailors**

“Speramus naviculam misellam vestram ad scopulum  
adlisam iri summersum”

**“We hope your stupid boat hits a rock and sinks”**

Puellae in forum descendere destinant et ibi mercimonium  
furari

**The girls decide to go down to the mall and shoplift  
some stuff**

Omnis paucis annis prosedae erunt  
**In a few years they will all be hookers**

# **Latin Aptitude Test—**

## **PROBATIO LATINITATIS**



(answers below—*responsa recta in ima pagina*)

### I. MATH—SCIENTIA MATHEMATICA

All Gaul is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ parts

**Gallia est omnis divisa in partes \_\_\_\_\_**

A. many

*multas*

B. good

*bonas*

C. small

*parvas*

D. warlike

*bellicosas*

E. Capture a Gaul and torture him until he tells you

*Torque Gallum captum donec tibi respondeat*

## II. VERBAL—SCIENTIA VERBORUM

Arms and the man I sing, who first from the shores of  
\_\_\_\_\_ . . .

**Arma virumque cano \_\_\_\_\_ qui primus ab oris . . .**

A. Syracuse

*Syracusarum*

B. Ithaca

*Ithacae*

C. Albany

*Albani*

D. Buffalo

*Bufali*

E. Sacrifice a bullock to Jupiter so the test gets canceled  
because the teacher was struck by lightning

*Immola Iovi iuvencum ut magistro tacto de caelo probatio  
relinquatur*

## III. EXTRA CREDIT—QUAESTIO ADDETA PRAEMII GRATIA

Whatever it is, I fear the Greeks even when bearing \_\_\_\_\_  
**Quidquid id est, timeo Danaos et \_\_\_\_\_ ferentes**

A. shish kebabs

*carunculas veribus fixas*

B. stuffed grape leaves

*folia vitis oryza farta*

C. baklava

*crustula laminosa*

D. the check

*syngrapham*

E. Send a slave over later with the answer, and if he gets it wrong, lop off his ears

*Mitte brevi postea servum qui responsum referat atque si erret  
praecide aures ei*

I., E; II, E; III, E.

# **Romulus and Remus Jokes—**

## **ROMULI REMIQUE IOCULARIA**



**ROMULUS:** Why did the sacred chicken cross the Appian Way?

**ROMULUS:** *Quem ob rem pullus sacer viam Appiam transivit?*

**REMUS:** I do not know. Let us cut it open and see if the entrails provide an explanation for this inauspicious behavior!

**REMUS:** *Nescio. Eum evisceremus ut, extane ostensura sint illius infausti facti causam, comperiamus!*

**ROMULUS:** Why do Roman firemen wear red suspenders?

**ROMULUS:** *Cur gerunt siphonarii Romani retinacula rubra?*

**REMUS:** I do not know—let us set the city ablaze and see if their pants fall down!

**REMUS:** *Nescio. Urbem incendamus ut, sintne delapsurae bracae eorum, comperiamus!*

**ROMULUS:** Why did the Helvetian moron throw the water clock out the window?

**ROMULUS:** *Quare iecit caudex Helvetius clepsydram de fenestra?*



Quem ob rem pullus  
sacer viam Appiam  
transivit? \*

Nescio. Eum evisceremus ut, extane  
ostensura sint illius infausti facti  
causam, comperiamus!\*\*

Fremo\*\*\*

\* Why did the  
sacred chicken  
cross the Appian  
way?

\*\* I do not know.  
Let us cut it open  
and see if the  
entrails provide  
an explanation for  
this inauspicious  
behavior!

\*\*\* I growl

REMUS: I do not know, but I feel certain that after ten years chained to an oar as a galley slave he will be eager to reveal the reason for his rash act!

REMUS: Nescio; pro certo tamen habeo istum, decem annos vincum in servitio ad remum intra navem longam, cupidum futurum revelare rationem sui temerarii facti!

# The Legion of Superheroes— LEGIO HEROUM MAXIMORUM



Faster than a speeding chariot . . .

**Celerior quam currus festinans . . .**

More powerful than a Carthaginian war-elephant . . .

**Valentior quam elephas bellicus Punicus . . .**

Able to conjugate irregular verbs without making a single  
mistake . . .

**Potis anomala verba sine lapsu declinare . . .**

It's Ro-Man!

**Romanus est!**

# T-shirt Slogans—

## TITULI TUNICALES



CARPE NAREM

**Pick your nose**

CAPE SOMNUM

**Catch some “z’s”**

CAPIAMUS CEREVISIAM

**Let's grab a beer**

CAVE LABOREM

**Beware of work**

MORANS FAC PAUSAM UT SEDES BIROTARUM

OLFACIAS

**Take time to stop and smell the bicycle seats**

PUTEO ERGO SUM

**I stink, therefore I am**

VENI, VIDI, VOMUI

**I came, I saw, I blew lunch**

SOLVE LORA INFERNIS

**Unleash hell**

OSTENDE MIHI PECUNIAM

**Show me the money**

PARENTES MEI DIMIDIUM EUROPAE DESPOLIA

VERUNT. EGO TAMEN NIL ACCEPI PRAETER

HANC TUNICULAM MISELLAM

**My parents plundered half of Europe and all I got was  
this stupid T-shirt**

ABES ETIAM A CONSILIO INSULTANDI MIHI NISI

LATINE LOQUI SCIAS

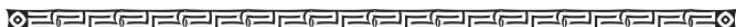
**Don't even think of dissing me unless you speak Latin**

ILLUC IVI, ILLUD FECI

**Been there, done that**

# Bumper Stickers—

## TITULI CURRULES



I'd rather be pillaging

**Malim praedari**

I'm dumb and I vote

**Hebes sum et suffragia fero**

My child can beat the crap out of your wimpy honor  
student

**Filius meus puerum tuum studiosum laureatum mollem  
deverberare potest**

Thank you for not thanking me for not smoking

**Tibi gratias ago quod mihi gratias non agis quod  
fumum non comedo**

Visualize world conquest

**Habe ante oculos devictionem mundi**

Keep honking—I'm reloading

**Perge cornu canere—sclopeturn repleo**

Horn broken—watch for finger

**Buccina fracta—exspecta signum digitii impudici**

Barbarian on board

**Barbarus in curru**

Proud of our brutal police

**Vigilitus nostris crudelibus gloriantes**

Stop the aqueduct, save the unicorns

**Sistite constructionem aqueductus ut conservetis  
unicornes**

I brake for lunch

**Frenos inhibere soleo pransurus**

Don't blame me—I voted for Miss Piggy

**Nolite me culpare—Suffragatus sum Erae Porcellae**

Jesus loves you—everyone else thinks you're an asshole

**Te amat Iesus—ceteri te putant irrumatorem**

If you can read this, I lost my trailer

**Si hoc potes legere, traheam meam amisi**

# **Reality TV—**

## SPECTACULA TELEVISORIA VERI SIMILIA



Celebrity Shark Attack

**Impetus Pisticum in Insignes**

Supermodel Food Fight

**Pulcherrimae Inter Se Luctantes Edulibus**

Beach Babe Lapdance Showdown

**Certamen Ultimum Saltandi Nymphaeum Litorium in  
Genibus Virorum**

Blow Job Island

**Insula Fellatoria**

Nationwide Red Alert Hot Bod Strip Search

**Inquisitio Summa Cum Vigilantia Per Omnes Nationis  
Partes Diffusa Corporum Formosiorum Nudatorum**

Meet the Organ Donors

**Salvete, O Daturi Membra Post Mortem**

Baby-sitters from Hell Bring Home Animals that Kill for  
Fun

**Nutriculae Infernales in Domos Adducunt Feras Quae  
ad Delicias Interficiunt**

Big Fat Slobs Eat Shit for Cash

**Helluones Squalidi Merdam Pro Nummis Comedunt**

Who Wants to Marry a Rich Old Fart with a Terminal  
Disease?

**Quis Vult Nubere Peditori Capulari Diviti?**

# **Hardball Talk Shows—**

## **DISCEPTATIONES TUMULTUOSAE**



That's a load of bull, and you know it!

**Merae fabulae sunt, et eas esse tales scis!**

You wouldn't know a fact if one hit you on the head!

**Rem veram non cognoscas etiamsi frontem tibi feriat!**

You're a liberal stooge!

**Pedisequus parasiticus es popularium!**

You're a right-wing moron!

**Stipator stultus es optimatum!**

See you next week!

**Vos revisemus post septimanam!**

# **Ultimate Sports—**

## **LUDI EXTRAORDINARI**



### **Bass-fishing—*Piscatus Percarum***

Let me guess—you have to drink the beer to make room  
in the ice chest for all the fish you catch

**Ut coniecturam faciam—necesse est tibi bibere  
cerevisiam ut locum in cista glaciei des piscibus captis**

It's a keeper!

**Licet mihi hunc retinere!**

### **Stock car racing—*Certamen Curruum***

#### ***Generalium***

When are they going to start running into each other and  
blowing up?

**Quando inter se collidentes incipient in flamas  
dirumpi?**

Pit stop!

**Statio restaurativa!**

## **Wrestling—*Luctatus***

Something tells me that the mean-looking bearded guy  
dressed up like the Ayatollah is no match for the wily  
Captain America

**Suspicio illum truculentum barbatum ritu archierei  
Persici vestitum non esse comparem Centurioni  
Americano vafro**

Smashmouth! Smackdown!  
**Ictus in os! Prostratio!**

## **Bungee jumping—*Saltus de Ponte***

How dumb would you have to be to jump off a bridge  
with a rope tied to your foot?

**Quam vecors sit is qui de ponte saliat pedibus funiculo  
ligatis?**

Geronimo!  
**Geronimo, geronimare!**

## **Snowboarding—*Super Nivem Labi***

Hey dude, let's head to the halfpipe, catch some major air,  
and stick some tricks!

**Heus, laute, contendamus ad canalem nivalem ut aerem  
oppido capientes nonnullas technas exsequamur!**

Super rad! I'm stoked!  
**Maxime radicitus! Flagro!**

## **The Olympics—*Olympia***

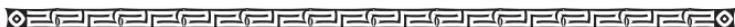
I'll vote for the Greek in the wrestling if you vote for the  
Roman in the chariot race

**Graeco palmam dabo in certamine luctandi si Romano  
palmam dabis in certamine quadrigarum**

Deal!  
**Fiat haec pactio!**

# **Trash Talk in the Colosseum—**

## **CONTUMELIA IN AMPHITHEATRO FLAVIO**



You want a part of me? Bring it on!

**Visne partem mei capere? Comminus agamus!**

Are you dissing me?

**Insultasne tu miki?**

You're yesterday's news

**In actis diurnis iamdudum es celebratus**

You're toast

**Mox corvos pasces**

You don't know your ass from a catacomb

**Non possis distinguere tuum podicem a Puticulis**

Your mother is so fat, when she's in town, Rome has eight hills

**Mater tua tam obesa est ut cum Romae est, urbs habet  
octo colles**



Mater tua tam obesa est ut cum  
Romae est, urbs habet octo colles! \*

Basia basiliscum  
meum! \*\*

\* Your mother is so fat, when  
she's in town Rome has  
eight hills

\*\* Kiss my basilisk!

Your mother is so ugly, when the gods turned her into a  
pig, she thought her prayers had been answered

**Mater tua tam turpis est ut cum di eam mutaverint in  
porcam, suas preces putaverit eos audivisse**

Your mother is so stupid, when she found a coin with  
Caesar's name on it, she tried to return it to him

**Mater tua tam stulta est ut cum invenerit nummum  
ferentem nomen Caesaris, huic eum restituere  
conata sit**

Go ahead, punk—make my day

**Age, catamite—fac mihi hunc diem felicissimum**

# **Spring Break—**

## **FERIAE VERNALES**



Road trip!

**Iter faciamus!**

Let's party hearty!

**Pergraecemur!**

Wet T-shirt contest!

**Certamen inter mammosas tunicis madefactis vestitas!**

Go ahead, card me. See, I've got a Latin ID. I'm 2,000 years old.

**Age, scrutare chartam identitatis meam. Ecce, est mihi syngraphus Latinus. Duo milia annorum sum natus.**

I'm wasted!

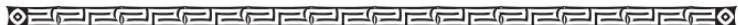
**Crapulentus sum!**

I'm going to hurl!

**Vomiturus sum!**

# **Country Music Favorites—**

## **MUSICA RUSTICA FAVORABILISSIMA**



Si Telephonium Non Tintinnat, Ego Voco  
**If Your Phone Doesn't Ring, It's Me**

Causam Tibi Dabo Bibendi  
**I'll Give You Something to Drink About**

Quomodo Una Nocte Facta Tam Turpis Es?  
**How Did You Get So Ugly Overnight?**

Si Dies Hodiegnus Esset Piscis, Reicerem  
**If Today Was a Fish I'd Throw it Back**

Mater Cape Malleum, Musca Sedet in Capite Patris  
**Mother Get the Hammer, There's a Fly on Papa's Head**

Si Me Deseras, Liceatne Mihi Te Comitari?  
**If You Leave Me, Can I Come Too?**

Quomodo Te Desiderare Potero Si Non Discresseris?  
**How Can I Miss You If You Won't Go Away?**

Per Anulum Illa Trusit Digitum Medicinalem, Ac Ostendit  
Mihi Digitum Medium

**She Got the Ring, and I Got the Finger**

Tu Causa Es Cur Liberi Nostri Tam Turpiculi Sint

**You're the Reason Our Kids Are So Ugly**

Sine Te Tam Miser Sum Ut Videaris Etiamnunc Adesse

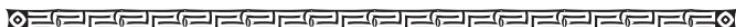
**I'm So Miserable Without You It's Like Having You  
Here**

Caput Dolet, Pedes Fetent, Iesum Non Amo

**My Head Hurts, My Feet Stink, and I Don't Love Jesus**

# **Chilling Out—**

## SERMO OTIOSORUM



Wassup?

**Quagis?**

Nothin', watching the game

**Nihil ago, ludos specto**

True, true

**Vero, vero**

It's off the hook

**Ab unco remotumst**

Talk to the hand, the face don't understand

**Adloquere manum, facies nescit quid velis**

Black togas are cool

**Togae atrae lepidae sunt**

Want to see my sword collection?

**Vin' aspicere collectum gladiorum meum?**

I'm thinking of taking a catapult into the school

cafeteria . . .

**Cogito ferre catapultam in cenationem scholae . . .**

# Graffiti—

## INSCRIPTIONES LATRINALES



Make love, not war—hell, get married, do both  
**Suscipite amorem, non bellum—eheu, iuncti  
matrimonio, suscipite utrumque**

Procrastinate now  
**Procrastina rem nunc**

Flush twice, it's a long way to Texas  
**Evacua cratera latrinalem bis, Texas procul est**

If it has tits, tires, or testicles, it's nothing but trouble  
**Mammeatae, rotalia, testiculati, omni modo molesta  
sunt**

Gods are dead  
**Di mortui sunt**

Beauty is in the eye of the beer-holder  
**Cervesia pota, pulchritudo cernitur**

Yankee, go home—and take me with you  
**Americani, redite domum—ducentes me vobiscum**

If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat?

**Si quidem animalia nobis edenda non sunt, quare  
constant ex carne?**

There are three kinds of people: those who can count, and those who can't

**Sunt genera tria hominum: illi qui numerare possunt, et  
illi qui non possunt**

It is as bad as you think, and they *are* out to get you

**Res tam malae sunt quam putas, et inimici re vera te  
persequuntur**

Why don't psychics ever win the lottery?

**In sortitionibus donativis, cur numquam praemia  
consequuntur sortilegi?**

Aunt Em: Hate you, Hate Kansas, Taking the dog—  
Dorothy

**Amita Aemilia: Te Kansiamque odi, Canem mecum  
abduco—Dorothea**

If walking is so good for you, why does my mailman look like Jabba the Hut?

**Si quidem pedibus ire tam salubre corpori est, cur  
similis est noster tabellarius forma illi Iabbae Hutico?**

Kill Barney

**Interface Arcturulum, istum mimum personatum  
portentosum purpureum palaeozoicum**

# Road Rage—

## IRA IN VIA



Where did you learn to drive—fleeing from Huns?  
**Ubi didicisti gubernare currum? In fuga ab Hunnis?**

That's it, numbnuts. Pull out in front of me, then slow down when you get to the light.

**Euge, enervate eunuche! Ingredere in orbitam meam  
prae me, tum reprime cursum cum bivali lucernae  
approprinquas.**

Now speed up when I try to pass you, and as I go by, give me the finger.

**Nunc, accelera cum conor te praeterire, mihi que  
praetereunti ostende digitum impudicum.**

Okay, tailgater—time for a brake check  
**Em, ichneumon—tempus est suffamina temptare**

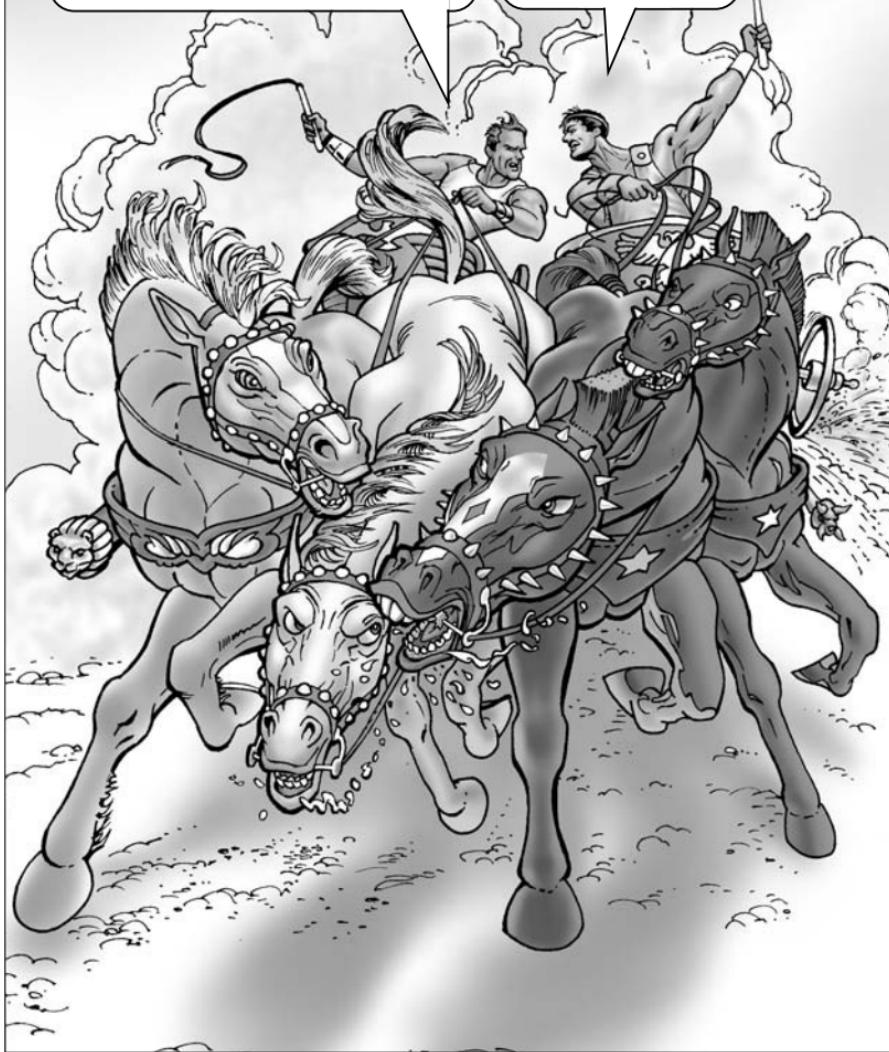
Big car, little dick  
**Currus magnus, mentula minuscula**

You know what S.U.V.s and hemorrhoids have in common?  
Every asshole has one.

**Scisne quid commune superlativa urbana vehicula cum  
haemorrhoidis habeant? Est unum ex his utrisque  
malis cuique pathico.**

Euge, enervate eunuche!  
Ingredere in orbitam meam piae  
me, tum reprime cursum cum  
biviali lucernae appropinquas!\*

Ubi didicisti  
gubernare  
currum? In fuga  
ab Hunnis? \*\*



\* That's it, numbnuts! Pull out  
in front of me, then slow down  
when you get to the light!

\*\* Where did you learn to drive?  
Fleeing from Huns?

Lady, if you're going to sit there all day yakking on your cell phone, why don't you stick a steering wheel on your living room wall and just stay home?

**Muliercula, si vis ibi sedens garrire totum diem in  
Nokiam tuam, quidni rotam adfigens gubernalem ad  
murum conclavis domi maneas?**

What are you saving those pretty little turn signals for—  
Christmas?

**Quod ad tempus reservas ista lumina pulchella  
praemonitoria—ad Saturnalia?**

No, Mr. Busybody, I am not handicapped, but you will be if you don't move your nosy butt out of that parking place, pronto

**Minime, ardelio, nullo modo debilis sum, sed fies tu  
quidem, si clunes tuas curiosas non removeris  
protinam ab illa statione**

Don't boot my car!

**Noli caligam in rotam currus mei adfigere!**

I am too allowed in the car pool lane! See, I'm not alone. I suffer from multiple personality disorder.

**Certe mihi licet vehi in orbita seposita curribus repletis.  
Ecce, non solus sum. Legio mihi nomen est, quia  
multi sumus.**

There are three of us here. I want to drive! No, it's my  
turn! No fair, what about me? Me me me!

**Adsunt tres. Volo gubernare! Immo, ordo memet vocat!**  
**Iniquum est! Quid de me? Me me me!**

Does that Breathalyzer have a Latin setting?

**Potestne illa machina pneumatodocimastica ad linguam**  
**Latinam accommodari?**

I have Vatican diplomatic immunity. If you give me a  
ticket, you're going to end up cooling your heels in The  
Hague in a jail cell full of Yugoslavian war criminals.

**Sedes Romana Sacra mihi diplomaticam immunitatem**  
**tribuit. Si me vocaveris in ius, aetatem tuam deges**  
**Hagae Comitis, conditus in carcerem refertum**  
**Iugoslavorum condemnatorum de bellum contra ius**  
**gentium gerendo.**

# Air Rage— IRA IN AËRE



Do you have nail-clipper-sniffing dogs?  
**Habetisne canes quae forficulas unguales olfacere  
possunt?**

I think that guy with a napkin on his noggin has a catapult  
in his shoe  
**Credo illum mantelium in capite gerentem occultavisse  
catapultam in caliga**

Hey, pal, is that carry-on luggage or did you just sack  
Carthage?  
**Heia, amice, utrum illae sunt sarcinae tuae, an modo  
Carthaginem despoliasti?**

Say, miss, didn't you used to work for Con Air?  
**Dic mihi, dominicella, nonne te conducebat aëria classis  
quae condemnatos transportabat?**

You know, even galley slaves were served meals  
**Nempe cibus dabatur etiam servis navalibus**

If there's an accident, I'm going to charge people to use  
this exit

**Si de caelo cadere incipiamus, vectores pretium pro usu  
huius exitus poscam**

# **Warning Labels—**

## **SCHEDAE MONITORIAE**



Your nose may fall off

**Fieri potest ut nasus tuus decidat**

You may develop hot-dog fingers

**Fieri potest ut digitи tui formam tomaculorum sumant**

Your head may explode

**Fieri potest ut caput tuum displodatur**

Your brain may turn to mush

**Fieri potest ut cerebrum tuum liquefiat**

You may start babbling in Latin

**Fieri potest ut Latine blaterare incipias**



II

LINGUA LATINA  
MEDIA

**Intermediate Latin**



# **Caesar's PowerPoint Presentation—**

CAESAR TIBI PROPOSITA  
MAXIMI MOMENTI PRAEFERT



I

## *Argumentum*

Gallia, terra in partes  
tres divisa

\*Cisalpina

\*Transalpina

\*Oblitus sum tertiae

## *Topic*

Gaul, a country with  
three parts

\*Northern Italy

\*France

\*I forget

II

## *Consilium*

\*Visere

\*Videre

\*Vincere

## *Plan*

\*Make a visit

\*Have a look-see

\*Take it over

### III

#### *Sequelae*

\*De bello stultum  
librum scribam

\*A nonnullis irrumatoribus  
occidar in Foro

\*Acetaria et mensis accipient  
a me nomina

#### *Follow-up*

\*Write a stupid book  
about it

\*Get assassinated in the  
forum by a bunch of  
assholes

\*Salad and month get  
named after me

### IV

#### *Conclusio*

\*Faciam ut animus meus  
scrutetur

\*Quid illa femella  
Cleopatra?

#### *Conclusions*

\*Get head examined

\*What about that  
Cleopatra dame?

# **Top 10 Reasons to Live in the Time of the Caesars**

**DECEM OPTIMAE RATIONUM  
CUR IN AEVO CAESARUM  
VIVERE IUCUNDIUS ESSET**



- X. Calculus won't be invented for another fifteen hundred years  
**Calculus differentialis non invenietur intra mille quingentos annorum**
- IX. When you're late on a rainy day, you can always blame the sundial  
**Si sub Iove pluvioso serius advenias, tu culpare semper potes horologium solare**
- VIII. If you piss off one god, you've still got 600 left  
**Si deum irrites unum, sescenti tibi iam supersint**
- VII. Actors are treated like dirt  
**Histriones foede tractantur**
- VI. Athletes who complain about their pay end up in an urn  
**Athletae qui queruntur de mercedibus mox in urnas funduntur**

- V. Scumbags who get the death penalty think they got off light
- Scelesti mortis damnati se leviores poenas pensuros  
reuntur**
- IV. The likeliest place to find some pushy Christian preacher is inside a lion
- Veri simillimum est, locum in quo praedicatorem  
Christianum protervum invenies, ventrem  
leoninum esse**
- III. The French are an ignorant bunch of servile peasants living in smelly huts, and the Germans are getting their asses kicked
- Gens Gallorum inerudita servilis agrestis est, in  
tuguriis foetidis habitans, et Germani vapulant**
- II. A healthy diet consists of waiting to see if the food taster dies before having anything to eat
- Diaeta salubris est, antequam aliquid cenes,  
observare an moriatur praegustator**
- I. Everyone is always dressed for a toga party
- Omnès amiciuntur semper togis quasi convivium  
agitaturi**

# **That Old-Time Religion—**

## **ILLA RELIGIO PRISCA**



Actually, I'm a born-again pagan  
**Re vera, cultor denuo renatus deorum Romanorum  
antiquorum sum**

I get to worship whomever I like, including SpongeBob  
SquarePants  
**Licet mihi venerari pro deo quemlibet, etiam  
SpongoRobertum QuadratoBracatum**

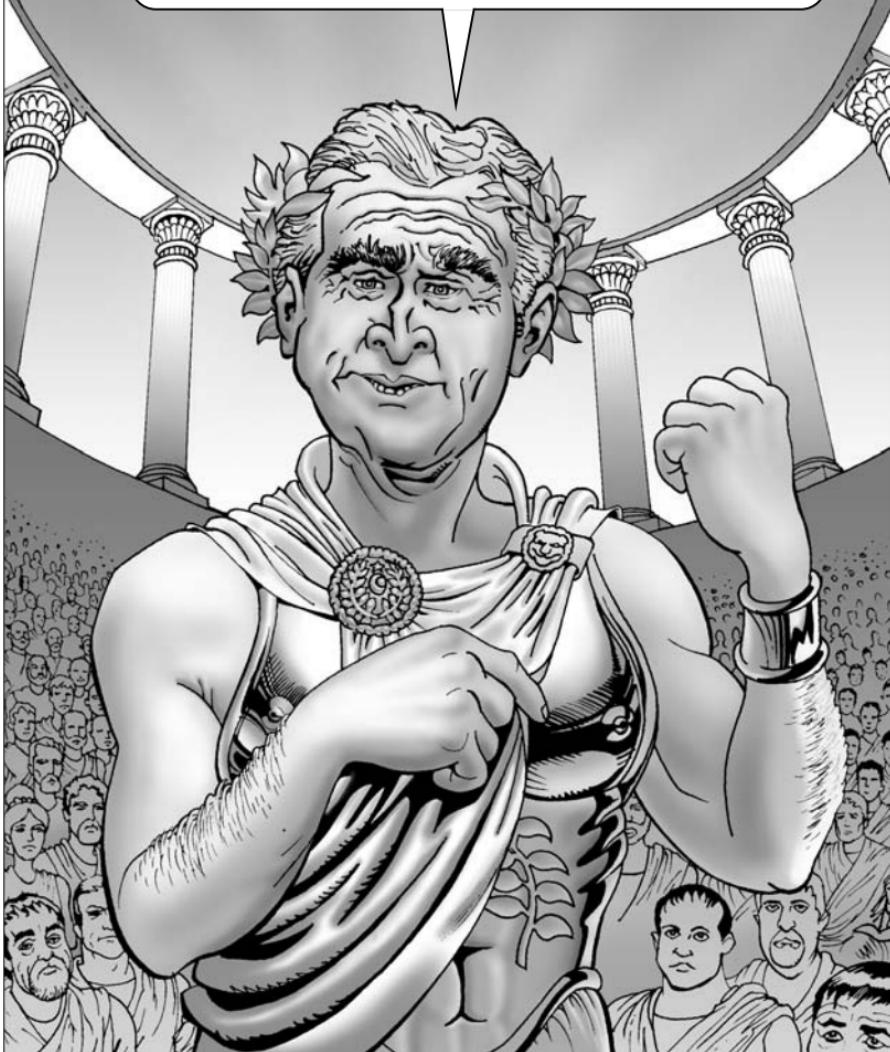
I always ask myself, What would Julius Caesar do?  
**Me semper rogo, Quid faceret Iulius Caesar?**

No, as far as miracles go, this “J. C.” never raised the dead,  
but he certainly lowered a lot of the living  
**Immo, si de miraculis agitur, ille “I Ce” nulos mortuos  
ad vitam revocavit, sed tamen multos vivos ad  
mortem sane misit**

We're having a prayer breakfast down at the pistol range  
**Ientabimus, precatione facta, in campo  
manuballistulario**

I am a firm believer in tough hate  
**Mihi persuasum est odisse acerbe**

Dilige proximos tuos, utque illis ostendas te re vera  
diligere, mitte decem legiones quae ianuas pulsent et  
quam dulcissime ab illis quaerant, num velint in tuum  
imperium recipi. \*



\* Love thy neighbors, and to show you really mean it, send 50,000 heavily armed soldiers to knock on their door and ask in the nicest possible way if they'd like to join your empire.

Do unto others, but do it first  
**Fac hominibus aliis, atqui fac prius**

Blessed are the poor, because they leave so much more  
money for the rest of us

**Beati pauperes, quoniam tanto plus pecuniae nobis  
reliquis relinquunt**

Blessed are the meek, because we can cut in front of them  
in lines

**Beati mites, quoniam istis in ordine stantibus  
anteponere nosmet ipsos possumus**

If someone smites you on the cheek, turn the other cheek  
and see what kind of a smiter he is with a bloody stump

**Si quis te percutserit in dexteram maxillam tuam,  
praebe illi alteram ut possis cognoscere quam fortiter  
percutturus sit bracchio truncato cruento**

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diligere, mitte decem legiones quae ianuas pulsent et  
quam dulcissime ab illis quaerant, num velint in  
tuum imperium recipi**

The theory of evolution is baloney. Everyone knows the  
whole universe came out of Saturn's nostrils

**Theoria Darwiniana evolutionis specierum absurdia est.**

**Constat inter omnes universitatem rerum ab naribus  
Saturni venisse**

Of course I can speak in tongues, but I prefer Latin

**Sane loqui variis linguis possum sicut Apostoli die**

**Pentecostes, sed malo Latine loqui**

Let's say grace: O gods, thank you for permitting us to  
gobble this food the way Caesar gobbled up half of Eu-  
rope. Amen.

**Precemur. O di, gratias vobis agimus, quod nos sinitis  
hunc cibum sic devorare quo modo C. Iulius Caesar  
dimidiam partem Europae devoravit. Finis.**

# **Mob Banter—**

## **CAVILLATIO SODALIUM**



It fell off the back of a truck, capeesh?

**De extremo plaustro excidit; comprehendisne mente  
quod dico?**

You got a problem with that, paysan?

**Num de hoc dubitas, compagane?**

Whatsamatter you?

**Quid te sollicitat?**

Fuhgeddaboutit

**Eice id ex animo**

Geddouttahere

**Noli mecum nugari**

God forbid, a piano should fall on your head

**Dii prohibeant ne clavicinium in caput tuum delabatur**

# New Age Discourse—

## SERMO NEOMYSTICUS



Meditate on this, pal  
**Meditare de hoc, amice**

Do you know the yoga position where you put your head  
between your legs and kiss your ass good-bye?

**Scisne schema gymnosophisticum per quod, capite  
inter femora flexo, iubentur basio valere clunes?**

Did a dish of potpourri just catch fire, or did someone  
light up a joint?

**Utrum patella florum siccatorum ignem modo  
concepit, an aliquis accedit sарcinulam cannabis?**

Man, that shit is potent—I am like totally in the  
subjunctive

**Mehercle, illa materia tam valida est ut funditus in  
modo subiunctivo sim**

I've got the munchies! Pizza pizza!  
**Esurio! Libum Neapolitanum!**

# Hollywood Latin—

## SERMO LATINUS ACUIFOLIIS



I love it, I love it, I love it!

**Id amo, id amo, id amo!**

Make the mother the father, change the cat to a dog, and  
lose the kid with cancer

**Muta matrem in patrem, converte felem in canem,  
amitte puerum cancerosum**

And replace all the love scenes with car chases and set it in  
the Hamptons instead of the Civil War

**Substitue autem persecutiones curries pro episodiis  
eroticis, et conloca dramatis actionem in Hamtunis  
in vicem temporis Belli Civilis Americani**

Wait, the girl in the copy room hated it!

**Siste, puella in scriptorio xerographicō fabulam oderat!**

I'm putting it in turnaround

**Hoc scriptum in purgatorium committo**

Pasadena

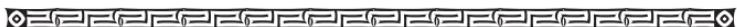
**Praetermitto**

You'll never eat lunch in this town again

**Numquam in hoc oppido prandebis iterum**

# Sushi Bar Chitchat—

SERMO IN TABERNA  
IAPONICA PULPAMENTORUM  
INCOCTORUM MARINORUM



No mackerel, no eel, and no slab of cold egg crud  
**Mihi nullus scomber, nulla anguilla, nullum frustum  
ovorum frictorum frigidorum**

When I snap apart the chopsticks, do I make a wish?  
**Estne mos homini findenti virgulas prehensorias  
aliquod optatum declarare?**

What's the deal with the little strip of green plastic with  
the fringe on top?  
**Quapropter in catillum poni solet illa taeniola plastica  
viridis fimbriata?**

More tuna, please, and another California roll  
**Da mihi plus de thunno, sodes, et alterum volumen  
Californicum**

How do you get the little piece of fish to stick to the rice  
ball?  
**Quo modo cogitur segmentulum piscis globo oryzae  
adhaerere?**

Are those knives as sharp as they look?  
**Suntne illi cultri tam acuti quam esse videntur?**

You guys make great cars!  
**Vos vehicula praestantia fabricamini!**

Sorry about those atom bombs!  
**Me paenitet illorum pyrobolorum atomicorum!**

Thank you very much!  
**Vobis plurimas gratias ago!**

# **Computer Language—**

## **SERMO LATINUS COMPUTATORIUS**



Download the goddamn file, you bug-ridden piece of shit

**Assume plicam damnatam, o tu moles muscaria  
muscerdarum**

If you freeze one more time, you're going straight to the  
landfill

**Si denuo congeles, confestim ibis in fossam  
purgamentorum**

Yeah? Well I've got an error message for you, fuckhead—  
you're about to be shut down improperly with a ball-  
peen hammer

**Sicine? Nunc age, tibi nuntium erroris habeo,  
stuprator—mox improprie sopieris malleolo**

## **Car Talk—**

### **DISCEPTATIO DE CURRIBUS**



It's a hunk of junk!

**Acervus inutilium est!**

That car is so ugly, you'd have to put a pork chop on the  
backseat to get the dog to ride in it

**Iste currus tam turpis est ut necesse tibi sit ponere  
offam porcinam in sede postrema ut persuadeas cani  
ut vehatur eo**

You deserve a dopeslap for buying it!

**Eum tam imprudenter comparando meruisti alapam!**

If the rattle gets too bad, wear earmuffs

**Nimium si strepat, inde operimenta tuis auribus**

Of course you think you can repair it—you're a moron!

**Scilicet putas te currum reficere posse—stipes es!**

Whatever it is, it's going to cost you five hundred bucks, if  
that's what it is

**Quodcumque est, Ioachimicis tibi quingentis constabit,  
siquidem est, quod esse creditur**

Try putting it in neutral and pushing it off a cliff  
**Vide quid eventurum sit si, dinexo ingranagio, currum  
e scopulo pepuleris**

Keep in mind, people in the rearview mirror are even  
stupider than they appear

**Tene memoria, viatores conspectos in speculo  
retrospicienti stultiores esse quam videntur**

And remember, don't drive like my brother!  
**Et memento, noli agere currum ut frater meus!**

## B.S.—

### BUBULUM STERCUS



A coyote whose habitat was destroyed by urban sprawl ate  
my homework

**Suo tractu operto suburbio extenso, canis latrans  
domicilium meum ingressus praescriptum  
domesticum mihi devoravit**

Due to global warming, my homework spontaneously  
combusted

**Orbe terrarum nimium calefacto combustione  
hydrogonanthracum, pensum meum domesticum sua  
sponteflammam concepit**

My homework was seized as evidence by mistake by DEA  
agents in a drug bust at the wrong address

**In domum meam pereram incurrentes, vigiles qui  
exsequuntur usum medicamentorum illicitorum  
nimis studiosi pensum domesticum pro testimonio  
iniuste abstulerunt**

My homework was forcibly recycled by eco-terrorists  
**Praescriptum meum domesticum per vim in fibras  
redactum est a sodalitate quae terrore pro Terra  
utitur**



\* My homework contracted  
mad homework disease and  
had to be destroyed.

\*\* Bullshit!

My homework contracted mad homework disease and had  
to be destroyed

**Necesse erat pensum domesticum meum, quod incidit  
in rabiem pensi deleri**

Strict zoning codes enacted by the town board make it  
illegal for me to work at home

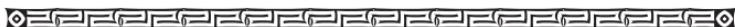
**Praescriptis severis de aedificiorum usu decretis a  
decurionibus municipalibus, mihi non licet operari  
domi**

Because of a lack of statewide standards, the Supreme  
Court ruled 5–4 that I had to stop doing my homework  
immediately

**Normis civitati universae deficientibus, quinque ex  
iudicibus Tribunalis Supremi decreverunt, quattuor  
negantibus, ut pensum statim deponerem**

# **Small Talk during a Colonoscopy—**

## **COLLOCUTIO INTER COLONOSCOPIAM**



Now I know how a Muppet feels  
**Nunc novi quid Manipupa sentiat**

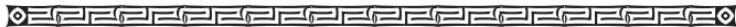
Any sign of the trapped miners?  
**Conspicisne metallicos sepultos?**

Are you there yet? Are you there yet? Are you there yet?  
**Advenistine? Advenistine? Advenistine?**

Could you provide me with an affidavit stating that my  
head is not, in fact, up there?  
**Potesne mihi testimonium impertire adfirmans caput  
meum reapse non infixum esse podici?**

# **Medical Confab—**

## **CONFABULATIO CUM MEDICO**



I'm afraid I have some bad news, doc  
**Vereor ne tristem tibi nuntium adferam, medice**

I've noticed you have no concept of time—I've been  
waiting for over an hour

**Animadvertis te nullam notionem temporis habere—  
nam plus quam unam horam tibi praestolatus sum**

Your handwriting on prescriptions is totally illegible and  
shows signs of dementia

**Chirographum tuum quasi demens in medicamentorum  
praescriptis nemo legere potest**

Your manner is oddly distracted  
**Te geris mirum in modum neglegenter**

You have an extremely strange sense of humor  
**Inusitatissima iocaris**

Your fees are insane  
**Mercedes tuae insanae sunt**

I think you have a brain tumor  
**Puto te tuber in cerebro alere**

I'll stop in again in a year and see how you're doing  
**Reveniam ad annum ut cognoscam de valetudine tua**

Hang in there!  
**Perfer et obdura!**

# **Homeland Security—**

## **SALUS PATRIAЕ**



I'd open these bills, but I'm afraid they may contain anthrax  
**Has epistulas debitorum solutionem poscentes**  
**aperirem, sed metuo ne bacilli anthracis insint**

The bad news is, the Martians have landed and, boy, are  
they mean; the good news is they hate Arabs and they  
piss gasoline

**Tristis nuntio Martios descendisse et, eheu, truculentos**  
**esse, sed laetus nuntio illos odisse Arabes oleumque**  
**octanum meiere**

If you don't give me this putt, the terrorists win  
**Nisi mihi hunc puteolum concedis, phobistae vincunt**

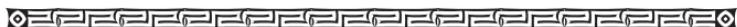
If I can't get a decent table at a top restaurant on short  
notice, the terrorists have won  
**Nisi mensam opimam in popina optima extemplo**  
**accumbere possum, phobistae vicerunt**

If you won't sleep with me, the terrorists will have won  
**Nisi tecum concubueris, phobistae vicerint**

Get out the duct tape—I'm about to fart!  
**Effer fasciam adhaesivam—mox pedam!**

# **Useful Phrases for Barbarian Evildoers—**

## **LOCUTIONES UTILES MALEFACTORIBUS BARBARIS**



I surrender! Please do not fire your catapult!  
**Me dedo! Quaeso, noli iacere tela ballista!**

There is no anti-Roman sentiment here!  
**Hic nemo est quin Romam amet!**

We love your big chariots, fast food, and violent culture!  
**Amamus vestras currus immanes, cibum festinanter  
paratum, et cultum saevum!**

We hate our wicked and corrupt leaders!  
**Odimus duces nostros improbos pravosque!**

We welcome you as liberators, not conquerors!  
**Vos non victores, sed liberatores salutamus!**

We never liked that dirty old city—it's so much nicer as  
rubble!  
**Istam urbem squalidam senescentem numquam  
dileximus—confacta, multo magis nobis placet!**



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cibum festinanter paratum, et  
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Odimus duces  
nostros improbos  
pravosque! \*\*

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imperatore remoto regi,  
etiamsi frutex sit! \*\*\*

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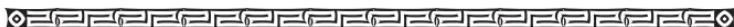
If you see anything you like, don't hesitate to take it!  
**Si quid videtis quo delectamini, agite, capite sine mora!**

We'll be sure to let you know if any Huns come this way!  
**Curabimus ut sciatis num ulli Hunni appropinquent  
hac via!**

Have a really nice epoch!  
**Sit vobis aetas felicissima!**

## **Game Boy Chatter—**

### **HORTAMINA PUERORUM LUDENTIUM ENCHIRIDIIS LUSORII**



Taste laser death, alien insect scum!

**Oppetite mortem lumine amplificato stimulata  
emissione radiorum, cimices extraterrestiales foedi!**

Eat hot lead, Nazi zombie robot commandos!

**Vescimini glandibus plumbi cudentis, velites  
nationalisticosocialistici cadaverosi automatarii!**

Feel the keen edge of the sword of doom, no-good,  
stinking, corpse-eating tomb-ghouls!

**Sentite aciem acrem ensis mortiferi, o larvae putidae, o  
bustirapi nefandi!**

I am going to program a simulation of the Roman Empire  
and rule it unjustly, cruelly, and incompetently!

**Mihi est in animo programmare simulationem imperii  
Romani quam iniuste, atrociter, imperite regam!**

Tax the poor!

**Impone vectigalia pauperibus!**

Bribe the senators!  
**Corrumpe pecunia senatores!**

Rig the elections!  
**Falle comitia!**

Screw minorities!  
**Defrauda nationes minores in tua civitate!**

Pack the courts with obedient dunces!  
**Stipa basilicas stipitibus obsequentibus!**

Arrest protestors on trumped-up charges!  
**Infer commenta crimina seditiosis apprehensis!**

Invade other countries pretty much at random!  
**Infer forte temere bellum aliis gentibus!**

What could possibly go wrong?  
**Quid nobis infeliciter fieri potest?**

# **Modern Vatican Latin—**

## **SERMO LATINUS HODIERNUS IN VATICANO**



On the advice of counsel, I have decided to testify in Latin  
**Iurisconsultus mihi suasit ut testimonium dicerem  
Latine**

My patron saint, Miranda, appeared to me in a vision and  
told me to remain silent  
**Patrona mea, Sancta Miranda, apparens mihi somnio  
me iussit tacere**

Whom are you going to believe, me or some snot-nosed  
little boy, no matter how cute?  
**Utri vos convenit credere? Mihi, an nescio cui puero  
parvulo muculento, quamlibet pulchellus sit?**

Look, these legal fees are putting quite a dent in the old  
collection plate  
**En, mercedes iurisperitorum discum eleemosynarium  
vero vacuefaciunt**

What if I say one million Our Fathers and a couple  
hundred thousand Hail Marys and we just call it even?

**Si Orationum Dominicarum decies centena milia  
recitabo, Salutationumque Beatae Mariae bis vel ter  
ducena milia, eritne satis?**

The devil made me do it!  
**Diabolus me coegit peccare!**

# **Learned Latin for Lovers—**

## **SERMO LATINUS DOCTUS AMATORIBUS**



I'm only repeating a query that dates back to the Chaldeans, but may I ask, what is your sign?

**Si modo licet mihi te rogare idem quod antiqui  
Chaldaei suas puellas rogare solebant—quo signo  
nata es?**

I think it was Pliny the Elder—or was it Pliny the Younger?—who first pioneered the concept of self-introduction by way of the purchase of a libation, and it is really in homage to him that I am moved to offer to buy you a drink.

**Credo Gaium Plinium Secundum Maiorem—aut Gaium  
Plinium Caecilium Secundum Minorem—instituisse  
ut vir, qui se notiorem puellae facere vellet, ei aliquid  
liquoris Lyaei compararet; itaque in  
commemorationem illius iuvat potiunculam tibi  
praebere**

Cicero phrased it best, and I am merely quoting the master when I am driven to remark, “Nice tits.”

**Hoc Marcus Tullius optime verbis expressit, neque  
profero alia quam ipsissima verba optimi omnium  
oratorum cum adsevero te venustas habere mammas**

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Tu tibi futuendus es.\*\*



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\*\* It is required of you to go fuck yourself.

Just as Aeneas inquired of Dido in Book Four of the *Aeneid*  
after stating his desire to install his obelisk in her temple  
of love, your place or mine?

**A te quaeso, sicut in Aeneidos libro quarto Aeneas,  
elocutus desiderium erigendi suum obeliscum in  
templo Venereo Didonis, ab ea quaeſivit, tuae domi  
an meae?**

In the deathless words of the great philosopher-emperor  
Marcus Aurelius, of course I will respect you in the  
morning

**Si me decet immortalia verba usurpare Marci Aurelii,  
imperatoris illustris philosophici, certe apud me in  
honore eris, cras mane**

# **Classical Kiss-offs—**

## **VALEDICTIONES ANTIQUAE**



Kiss my basilisk

**Basia basiliscum meum**

Bite my zither

**Morde citharam meam**

Lick my licorice stick

**Linge bacillum glycyrrhizae meum**

Suck my aqueduct

**Suge meum aquaeductum**

Tune my lap trumpet

**Tempera tubam quam in sinu fero**

Lollipop my toga lizard

**Liguri lacertam quae sub toga mea vivit**

Lip-read my trouser scroll

**Lege labris volumen inguinale mihi**

III

SERMO LATINUS  
ERUDITUS

**Advanced Latin**



# **Useful Syntax—**

## **SYNTAXIS UTILIS**



### **IMPERATIVE**

Futue te ipsum

**Go fuck yourself**

### **IMPERFECT SUBJUNCTIVE EXPRESSING A WISH FOR THE PRESENT**

Utinam tete futueres

**Would that you would go fuck yourself**

### **FIRST SUPINE EXPRESSING A WISH FOR THE PRESENT WITH VERBS OF MOTION**

I fututum te ipsum

**Go in order to fuck yourself**

### **INFINITIVE WITH IMPERSONAL VERB**

Te oportet futuere tete

**It behooves you to go fuck yourself**

## PASSIVE PERIPHRASTIC

Tu tibi futuendus (futuendave) es  
**It is required of you to go fuck yourself**

## POTENTIAL SUBJUNCTIVE

Velim te futuas  
**I should like you to fuck yourself**

## SUBSTANTIVE CLAUSE OF PURPOSE

Te rogo ut futuas te ipsum  
**I beseech you to fuck yourself**

## GENITIVE OF PURPOSE

I tete futuendi gratia  
**Go for the sake of fucking yourself**

## FUTURE CONDITIONAL, LESS VIVID

Si te futuas, gaudeam  
**If you should go fuck yourself, I would rejoice**

## FUTURE CONDITIONAL, MORE VIVID

Se te futueris gaudebo  
**If you will have gone and fucked yourself, I will rejoice**

## PRESENT CONDITIONAL, CONTRARY TO FACT

Si te futueres, gauderem

**If you were fucking yourself, I would be rejoicing**

## PAST CONDITIONAL, CONTRARY TO FACT

Se te futuisses, gavisus (gavisave) essem

**If you had fucked yourself, I would have rejoiced**

## FUTURE PARTICIPLE DENOTING INTENTION OR LIKELIHOOD

Tete fututure, te saluto

**You who are about to go fuck yourself, I salute you**

## FUTURE IMPERATIVE

Tete futuito

**Make it your policy to fuck yourself**

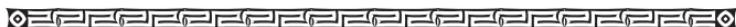
## ABLATIVE ABSOLUTE

Te fututo, gaudeo

**You having been fucked, I rejoice**

# You Know You May Be a Roman If . . .

SCIAS TE FORTASSE  
ROMANUM ESSE SI . . .



. . . you often forget what you were going to say before  
you get to the verb

**. . . saepe quid habeas in animo dicere priusquam ad  
verbum pervenias, obliviscaris**

. . . you think only superstitious sissies are afraid of  
volcanoes

**. . . credas molles superstitiones solos timere montes  
Volcanios**

. . . you can eat and have sex at the same time  
**. . . simul cenare et futuere possis**

. . . you have ever used a chariot in a bar fight  
**. . . umquam in taberna curru proeliatus sis**

. . . you never make major business decisions without first  
cutting open a sheep  
**. . . nunquam de negotio magni momenti decernas sine  
extispicio**

. . . your most recent domestic crisis was a slave revolt  
. . . **discrimen apud te recentissimum tumultus fuerit**  
**servilis**

. . . you know anyone who married his own mother or  
was raised by wolves  
. . . **quempiam cognoscas qui matrem suam in**  
**matrimonium duxerit vel sit a lupis alitus**

. . . you have a statue of yourself holding a sword in one  
hand and the severed head of a Belgian in the other  
. . . **possideas statuam tui, tenentem manu dextra**  
**gladium, manu sinistra caput amputatum Belgae**

. . . you compliment the chef by throwing up  
. . . **coquum vomendo in mensam conlaudes**

. . . you have a personal poisoner on your staff  
. . . **unus ex officialibus tuis propriis est venenarius**

. . . the only vegetarian you ever met had hooves  
. . . **numquam phytophagis occurreris nisi ungulatis**

. . . your idea of a party animal is a goat  
. . . **animal convivialissimum arbitreris esse caprum**

. . . your car has sword blades welded to its wheels  
. . . **habeas currum falcatum**

. . . there are usually about three hundred other people in  
the tub when you take a bath

. . . **plerumque, cum laveris, adsint in calidario tecum**  
**alii fere trecenti**

. . . you think it would be really cool to be Greek

. . . **putes esse lepidissimum Graecari**

. . . you stay home all day if you see a woodpecker over  
your left shoulder or hear an owl

. . . **domi maneas totum diem cum post tergum**  
**conspicias a sinistra picum, vel audias bubonem**

. . . you're never surprised to discover that the guy  
running the empire is a moron, a pervert, or a lunatic

. . . **numquam admireris te invenire gubernatorem**  
**imperii fatuum esse, vel pravum, vel vesanum**

# **Restaurant 'Tude—**

## **BILIS IN POPINA**



My name is Sir—I'll be your customer tonight

**Nomen mihi est Dominus—hodie vobiscum cenabo**

My sign is, I sign the check

**Natus sum signo signantis syngrapham**

The only thing I wish to know about you is where the hell  
you are when I want something

**De te scire volo solum ubi gentium sis cum alicuius  
indigeam**

If those entrées are so special, why aren't they on the  
menu?

**Si quidem illa fercula tantum praestant, cur in  
epularum indice non sunt?**

Exactly how fresh is that pepper?

**Quam recenter lectum est hoc piper?**

Why do you put it in a mill the size of a war-trumpet?

**Quamobrem id ponis in molina tanta quanta tuba est?**

This is indeed a very impressive wine list, if you're in the mood for a bottle of grape-flavored rust remover that costs as much as a new sofa

**Haec tabula vinorum grandia pollicetur cuicumque sit  
in animo bibere ex ampulla liquoris qui sapit uvas et  
solvit ferrugininem et stat tanti quanti lectus novus**

My compliments to the chef—the empire lost a truly inspired poisoner when he decided to go to cooking school

**Summam coquo laudem tribuo—imperium benefico  
ingeniosissimo privatum est cum ille scholam  
coquinariam obire statuit**

No dessert, thanks, unless it contains the antidote

**Benigne, secundam mensam non requiro, nisi  
antidotum continet**

I'd have written in a smaller tip but there is no Roman numeral for a nickel

**In syngrapha munusculum minus inscripsisset, sed  
non est littera Romana quae Ioachimici vicesimam  
significat**

I'll be sure to recommend this place to my friends

**Zago, zagas, zagat**

# **Winespeak—**

## **DICTA ARBITRI VINI**



It's an intense chalky white marked by overtones of turpentine and lead, with a bright, long-lasting finish

**Vinum peralbum cretosum est, resinam terebinthinam et cerussam redolens, nec sine polimine nitido durabili**

It's a pointless little red wine with a unique balance of ignorance and pretension made by an obnoxious millionaire Napa Valley dilettante for self-important dumb-lucky dickheads just like him

**Vinum irritum pusillum rubrum est, incomparabiliter librans ignorantiam suam cum ostentatione, a quodam Trimalchione Napaensi confectum salaputiis gloriosis immerito fortunatis, persimilibus sui**

It's a dirt-cheap head-banging screw-top bum wine that I poured into a leftover bottle with a fancy French label while no one was looking

**Vappa vilissima est, quae capitis dolores facit, quamque ex lagona obturamento versatili clausa in lagunculam reliquam, cui pittacium Gallicum speciosum affixum erat, transfudi, dum nemo me spectabat**

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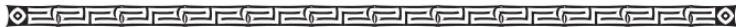
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# The Bestseller List—

## TABULA LIBRORUM VENDIBILISSIMORUM



*Quick and Easy Decorating Secrets That Let You Turn a Rustic Hovel into a Charming Country Home without Busting Your Budget* by Vitruvius

**Artis Ornatus Arcana Per Quae Casa Tua Rustica Celeriter Expediteque Converti Potest in Villam Venustam Sine Sumptu Extra Modum Vitruvius Pollio scripsit**

*Toujours, Gaul* by Julius Caesar  
**Semper, Gallia C. Iulius Caesar scripsit**

*Eat Right—for that Lean and Hungry Look!* by Cassius  
**Edi Recte—ut Speciem Macram et Ieiunam Geras auctore C. Cassio Longino**

*Great-Tasting Hot Meals Your Slaves Can Whip Up in Two Days or Less* by Cato the Elder  
**Edulia Calida Sapidissimaque quae Familia Tua Potest Parare Duobus Diebus vel Uno M. Porcius Cato descriptsit**

*Cleopatra's Hour-a-Day Bun-Firming Love-Muscle Sexercise*  
Workout by Mark Antony

**De Cleopatrae Callipygiana Exercitatione Aphrodisiaca**  
**Per Unam Horam in Singulos Dies Musculorum**  
**Venereorum M. Antonius scripsit**

*Letters to My Cat* by Pliny the Younger  
**Epistulae ad Felem Suam quas C. Plinius Caecilius**  
**Secundus scripsit**

*What Color is Your Catapult?* by Frontinus

**Cuius Coloris est Catapulta Tua?** Sextus Iulius  
Frontinus scripsit

*Oracles Say the Darnedest Things* by Livy

**Oraculis Inusitatissima Enuntiantur**  
**Titus Livius scripsit**

*Entrail Reading for Dummies* by Cicero

**Haruspicium Stipitibus Explicat M. Tullius Cicero**

*Men Are from Troy, Women Are from Greece* by Virgil

**E Troia Viri, Ex Graecia Feminae Oriuntur P. Virgilius**  
Maro scripsit

*Now You Can Lose Weight without Vomiting with the*  
*Revolutionary Lark's Tongue Diet* by Apicius

**Nunc Adipem Deponere Potes Sine Vomitu per**  
**Diaetam Novam atque Inauditam Quae Linguarum**  
**Alaudarum Esum Praescribit L. Apicius scripsit**

# **Latin for Trekkies—**

## SERMO LATINUS SECTATORIBUS PEREGRINATIONIS ASTRALIS



Our shields are down to 25 percent and those stupid sparks  
are coming out of all the control panels!

**Scutorum nostrorum potestatis remanet solummodo  
quarta pars, et istae scintillae ridiculae ex omnibus  
claviaturis gubernatoriis evolant!**

We're being controlled by a subordinating conjunction of  
time implying purpose or intent

**Coercemur coniunctione subiunctiva temporali quae  
propositum vel intentionem significat**

Resistance is futile. Prepare to be assimilated into the  
subjunctive.

**Resistere irritum est. Praeparate vos ad translationem  
in modum subiunctivum.**

It's our only hope. Activate the transitive verbs and engage  
the ablative of separation.

**Hoc sola spes nobis est. Verbis transitivis citis, adhibe  
casum ablativum separationis.**

We're entering the future perfect indicative. We'll only have one chance to achieve a case shift.

**Intramus tempus futurum perfectum modo indicativo.**  
**Unam tantum occasionem habebimus mutandi casum.**

We're slipping into the passive. Quick, reroute all available power to the verb endings.

**In genus passivum labimur. Inmitte cito impetum omnem quem in promptu habemus in terminaciones verborum.**

We have entered. We shall have entered! Do be entering!  
**Intravimus! Intraverimus! Intratote!**

To be continued . . .

**Narratio resumetur . . .**

# **Attack Ads—**

## **PRAECONIUM PROCAX CANDIDATORUM**



Ask my opponent why he wants to put a tax on Bibles and American flags to buy gourmet meals for convicted murderers

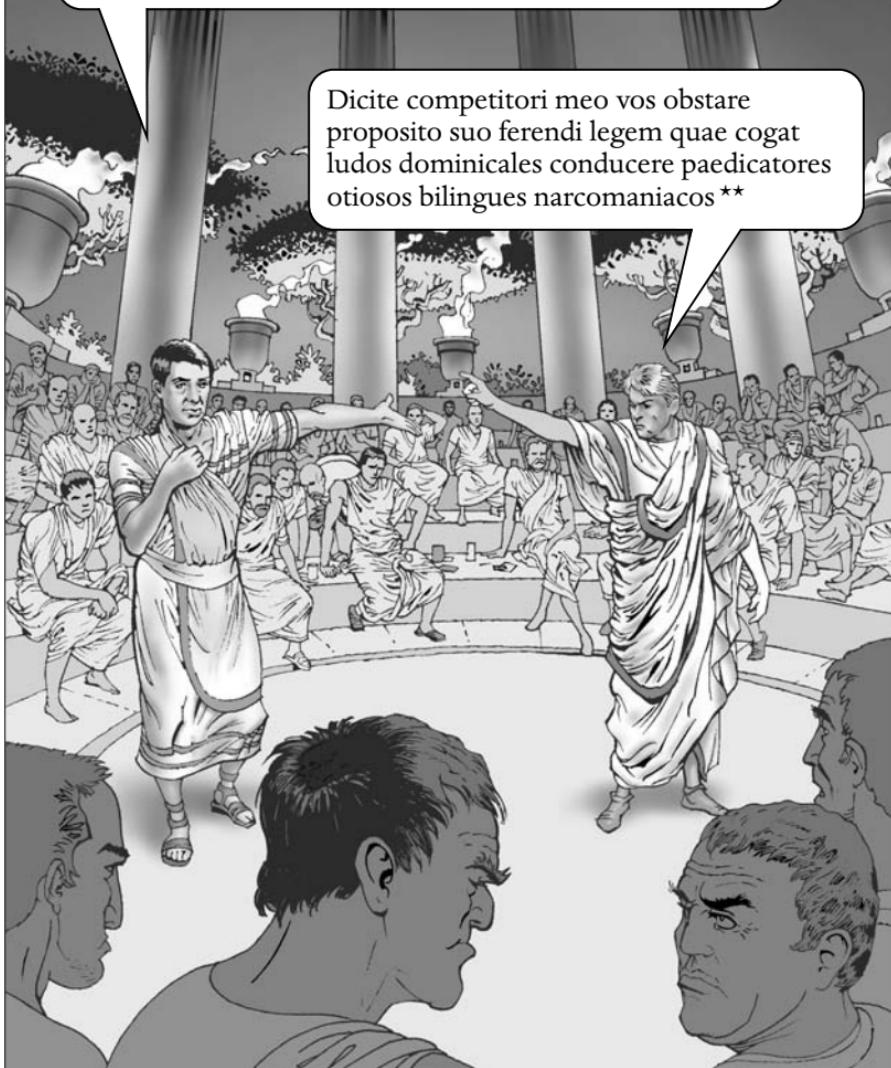
**Quaerite a competitore meo cur vectigal Bibliis Sacris et  
vexillis Americanis imponere velit ad epulas  
comparandas homicidis condemnatis**

Call my opponent and demand that he stop accepting campaign contributions from operators of nursing-home casinos, publishers of pornographic children's books, and owners of Mexican puppy mills

**Vocantes competitorem meum poscite ut desinat  
accipere ad ambitionem alendam dona vel ab eis qui  
virginibus puerisque libros edunt Sotadicos, vel ab  
eis qui aleatoria in gerontocomiis apparant, vel ab eis  
qui catellos in Hispania Nova immodice alunt**

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Dicite competitori meo vos obstare proposito suo ferendi legem quae cogat ludos dominicales conducere paedicatores otiosos bilingues narcomaniacos \*\*



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conducere paedicatorēs otiosos bilingues  
narcomaniacos**

# **Business Latin—**

## **SERMO LATINUS NEGOTIALIS**



I respectfully decline to answer on the grounds that

anything I might say would be a bald-faced lie

**Recuso reverenter ne respondeam, quia quicquid dicam  
id sit mendacium impudens**

It wasn't all done with smoke and mirrors—there were  
some bells and whistles, too

**Non solum fumo speculisque, sed etiam tintinnabulis  
fistulisque factum est**

It wasn't really a loss, it was a loan, which of course shows  
up as a profit

**Non vero damnum erat sed mutuum, quod scilicet in  
rationibus existimatur lucrum**

I was out of the loop, but I distinctly remember asking if it  
passed the smell test

**Consilii particeps non eram, tamen memini clare me  
rogare num id insidias oleret**

Due to an alien abduction, I have no recollection of  
anything else during that particular period of time

**Quod raptus sum a transaetheriis, omnia quae  
evenerunt illo tempore de memoria mea exciderunt**

I only sold my stock because a gypsy fortune-teller told me  
it was an unlucky month for any company with a vowel  
in its name

**Omnis partes meas vendidi tantummodo eo, quod  
Aegyptia sortilega mihi dixit mensem infaustum esse  
cuiquam societati quae vocalem in nomine habet**

Plus which, I needed cash to buy a condominium for my  
daughter's hamster

**Mihi autem pecunia opus erat ad domicilium emendum  
criceto filiae meae**

I mistook the shredder for a Xerox machine  
**Discissorem esse Xerographium perperam putavi**

Look, let me off the hook and I will rat out every single  
person in the whole company

**Age, da mihi veniam ac impunitatem, deferam  
unumquemque hominum in societate**

# **Furat Emptor—**

## **LET THE BUYER GO MAD**



Ministerium consultatorium rerum technicarum tibi

gratias agit quod vocavisti

**Thank you for calling tech support**

Verisimile est te haudquaquam intellegere quod dicimus;

quid enim?

**You probably don't understand a word we're saying;  
but so what?**

Vocatum tuum nullius momenti putamus eumque  
neglegemus in ordine

**Your call is of no interest to us and will be ignored in  
the order it was received**

Fieri potest ut vocatum tuum subauscultemus vel  
transcribamus animi causa

**Your call may be monitored or recorded to provide us  
with entertainment**

Omnes auxiliatores nostri nunc emptores alios furiant

**All of our representatives are currently driving other  
customers crazy**

Necesse tibi est morari circa tres dies et dimidiam

**Your approximate waiting time is three and one-half  
days**

Preme gullulam primam uti musicam molestam audias

**Press one to hear irritating music**

Preme secundam ut sonum funis occupati audias

**Press two to hear a busy signal**

Preme tertiam uti tinnitus sempiternum lineae vacuae  
audias

**Press three for the endless ringing of a non-working  
extension**

Preme quartam uti statim disiungaris

**Press four to be immediately disconnected**

Sit iucundus tibi dies

**Have a nice day**

# Jury Duty—

## OFFICIUM IUDICIALE



I'm hopelessly prejudiced—everyone in this court looks like a criminal, including the judge

**Opinionem praeiudicatam immutabilem habeo—omnes  
in hac basilica mihi videri nefarios esse, praetore non  
excepto**

No fair! Just last month I served as a hooded judge on a secret military tribunal, but they made me promise not to tell.

**Iniquum est! Modo proximo mense officio iudicis  
cucullati functus sum in tribunali clandestino militari  
tamen coactus sum iurare me de eo taciturum.**

I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help, help me Rhonda

**Iuro sollemniter me dicturum verum, totum verum,  
nihil praeter verum, ita me iuvet, iuvet Rhonda**

I think I can tell if someone is guilty just by looking at them

**Credo me posse diiudicare utrum quis nocens an  
innocens sit modo eum spectando**

Iuro sollemniter me dicturum  
verum, totum verum, nihil  
praeter verum, ita me iuvet,  
iuvet Rhonda \*

Credo me posse diiudicare  
utrum quis nocens an innocens  
sit modo eum spectando \*\*

Si lis valde dubia sit,  
sententiis iuratorum  
paribus, liceatne nos  
nummum iactare,  
“caput aut navem”  
enuntiantes? \*\*\*

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truth, the whole  
truth, and nothing  
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help, help me  
Rhonda

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looking at them

\*\*\* If it's really,  
really close and the  
jury deadlocks, is it  
okay to flip a coin?

If it's really, really close and the jury deadlocks, is it okay  
to flip a coin?

**Si lis valde dubia sit, sententiis iuratorum paribus,  
liceatne nos nummum iactare, “caput aut navem”  
enuntiantes?**

If the guy is obviously guilty, can we just skip the trial and  
send him straight to prison under early admission?

**Si reus manifesto sit in culpa, sitne fas nos quaestionem  
praetereuntes condemnatum in carcerem confessim  
conicere per admissionem subitariam?**

If the gloves don't fit, do we have to acquit?

**Si digitalia non congruant manibus, sitne nobis necesse  
reum absolvere?**

Does the jury room have a minibar?

**Estne cubiculum deliberationis instructum cistula  
potionum spirituosarum?**

I believe the minimum award in civil cases should be one  
million dollars, but if you lose, you get the electric chair

**Mea sententia, causam privatam obtinenti ut minimum  
decies centena milia Ioachimicorum addici debent, at  
de perdente supplicium ultimum in electrica sella  
sumendum est**

I plan to find everyone not guilty by reason of I am  
extremely pissed off

**In animo mihi est, iracundiae meae maximae causa,  
quemque reum absolvere de crimine**

But in a larger sense, can any of us say that we are truly innocent?

**Quod autem ad res universas attinet, ecquis nostrum dicere potest se vere innocentem esse?**

No, no! It was me! It was me all along! I did it! I did it and I'm glad! Ha-ha, just kidding.

**Minime! Non est! Ego fui! Semper ego! Ego facinus feci!**  
**Atque gaudeo me fecisse! Hahahae! Tantummodo iocabar.**

# **Stealth Latin—**

## SERMO LATINUS CLANDESTINUS



### **What you say in Latin**

What you say it means

*What it really means*

**Stupra fascino volanti torum pistrinum provolventem.**

You never cease to amaze me with your deeply insightful  
remarks.

*Go take a flying fuck at a rolling doughnut.*

**Quin futuis uxorem tuam foedam?**

Why doesn't everyone recognize your genius?

*Why don't you go screw your ugly wife?*

**Velim caput tuum devellere deinde in confinium gulæ  
cacare.**

I just want to tell you how much I appreciate your  
constructive criticism.

*I'd like to rip off your head and take a dump in the hole.*

**Mande merdam et morere.**

Keep up the good work.

*Eat shit and die.*

**Propodium parcissimum.**

I'll get the check.

*You cheap bastard.*

**Carrus exsecrabilis est! Venditor te irrumavit!**

What a great car! You got a heck of a deal!

*What a piece of shit! You got taken to the cleaners!*

**Aspice hanc supellectilem vilem. Quale gurgustum est.**

Fabulous house—I love your taste.

*Look at this cheesy crap. What a dump.*

**Rotaturne capitulum huius, virus exspuens viride?**

Well, now, really, isn't that the cutest baby you've ever seen?

*Does its head spin around and spit green slime?*

**Speciem scurrae habes. Spectaculum petauristarum  
bestiarumque nescieGam adesse.**

Dynamite outfit! It really looks good on you.

*You look like a clown. I didn't know the circus was in town.*

**Amicus tuus expers rationis est. Viculus nescioquis  
barone suo privatus est.**

Your boyfriend is a great guy. No wonder you've been keeping him to yourself.

*He's a total moron. Somewhere there's a village missing its idiot.*

**Amica tua est originis extraterrestrialis. Si fortuna tibi  
faveat, cum astronavem suam ista refecerit, a terra  
tuaque vita discedet tam cito quam fulmen ascendit.**  
Your girlfriend is a knockout. Talent, beauty, brains—she  
has it all.

*She's a space alien. If you're lucky, when she gets her flying  
saucer fixed, she'll be out of here and out of your life in a  
flash.*

# **Stealth Latin for Golfers—**

## SERMO LATINUS CLANDESTINUS IN LUSU CALEDONIO



**Quod fustuarium!**

Nice swing!

*What a hack!*

**Salaputium fortunatum!**

Great shot!

*You lucky fuckhead.*

**Seligatur clava imprudenter**

Be the right club.

*Be the wrong club.*

**Pilula, curre in harenarium et defode te.**

Hurry up ball, get some air! Be there!

*Get in that bunker and bury.*

**Vola! Aberra! Egressere praeter terminos!**

Stop! Hit something! Stay in play!

*Go! Get lost, ball! Go out of bounds!*

**Immerge te in aquam!**

Stay dry!

*Get wet!*

**Decurre ab area leni in gramen densum!**

Sit down! Bite!

*Run off the green into the rough!*

**Transili puteolum!**

Go in the hole!

*Lip out!*

**Euax!**

Aww, too bad!

*Hurray!*

# Bad Latin, the Dirty Dozen—

## SERMO LATINUS IMPUDICUS: DUODECIM OBSCENA



<b>asshole</b>	<i>culus, i m.;</i> <i>podex, podicis, m.</i>
<b>balls</b>	<i>coleus, i m.;</i>
<b>to be blown</b>	<i>irrumo, irrumare</i>
<b>&amp; to blow</b>	<i>fello, fellare; ligurio, ire;</i> (verpam) <i>comedo, esse, edi, estum</i>
<b>to bugger</b>	<i>pedico, are</i>
<b>butt</b>	<i>clunis, is m. &amp; f. (clunes, ium);</i> <i>natis, is f. (nates, ium);</i> <i>puta, ae f.</i>
<b>cock</b>	<i>capulus, i m.; cauda, ae f.; cicer, is n.; clavus, i m.; cucumis,</i> <i>eris m.; falcula, ae f.; fascinum, i n.; gladius, i m.; hasta, ae f.;</i> <i>membrum, i n.; mentula, ae f.; peculum, i n.; radix, icis f.;</i> <i>rutabulum, i n.; sicula, ae f.; telum, i n.; verpa, ae f.; vomer, eris m.</i>
<b>cunt</b>	<i>aratiuncula, ae f.;</i> <i>cunnus, i m.</i>
<b>fart, to fart</b>	<i>crepitus, us. m.:</i> <i>strepitus, us m.;</i>

	<i>crepo, crepare, crepui, crepitum; pedo, pedere, pepedi, peditum; strepito, are</i>
<b>to fuck</b>	<i>concumbo, concumbere, concubui, concubitum; futuo, futuere, futui, fututum</i>
<b>to jerk off</b>	<i>frico, fricare, fricui, frictum (fricatum); percio, ire, ivi, itum; sollico, are;</i> <i>tero, terere, trivi, tritum;</i> <i>tracto, tractare</i>
<b>piss, to piss</b>	<i>urina, ae f.;</i> <i>meio, meiere, mixi, mictum;</i> <i>mingo, mingere, minxi, minctum</i>
<b>shit, to shit</b>	<i>fimus, i m. &amp; fimus, i n.;</i> <i>merda, ae f.;</i> <i>stercus, oris n.;</i> <i>caco, are</i>