

# LESSON XXVI

## POĒTA CLĀRUS



**Vocabulary** Use **-que** to complete each sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (to the Greeks and the Romans) grātiam habēmus.
2. Ex \_\_\_\_\_ (Athens and Rome) multum accēpimus.  
[All forms of **Athēnae** are plural; **Rōma**, of course, is a singular noun.]
3. Multī \_\_\_\_\_ (boys and girls) nunc memoriae linguam Latīnam mandat.
4. Dē Rōmānis \_\_\_\_\_ (they read and write).
5. Ē libris sententiās \_\_\_\_\_ (many and varied) dē Rōmā trahunt.



**Imperfect tense active** Note that the imperfect tense has several possible translations.

### EXEMPLĪ GRĀTIĀ

legēbam      *I was gathering*  
                  *I used to gather*  
                  *I kept on gathering*

Referring to the model above, translate the following verbs in five different ways.

- | labōrābāmus | scribēbant |
|-------------|------------|
| 1. _____    | 6. _____   |
| 2. _____    | 7. _____   |
| 3. _____    | 8. _____   |

Notice that one of the acceptable translations for the imperfect tense is the same as a translation of the perfect tense.

	IMPERFECT	PERFECT
<i>I gathered</i>	<b>legēbam</b>	<b>lēgī</b>

The difference, obscured in this last translation, is that the *imperfect* expresses *action occurring over a period of time*, while the *perfect* emphasizes *completed action*.

Translate into Latin.

	IMPERFECT	PERFECT
11. you ( <i>sing.</i> ) began	_____	_____
12. she held	_____	_____
13. we heard	_____	_____
14. you ( <i>pl.</i> ) sent	_____	_____
15. they watched	_____	_____

**5** **Perfect vs. imperfect tense** In many instances, however, it will be clear that only one of these tenses can be accurately used. Determine the appropriate tense for each sentence and write “perfect” or “imperfect.”

1. You have sent money. \_\_\_\_\_
2. You used to send money. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He was holding the standard. \_\_\_\_\_
4. He has held the standard. \_\_\_\_\_
5. We have not heard the report. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We kept on hearing the report. \_\_\_\_\_
7. We were beginning to yield. \_\_\_\_\_
8. We did begin to yield. \_\_\_\_\_
9. They would not watch the fight. \_\_\_\_\_
10. They did not watch the fight. \_\_\_\_\_