

LESSON XXXIV

NIOBĒ



Vocabulary Many Latin words resemble one another in spelling. As your vocabulary increases, therefore, you must learn to distinguish among these look-alikes. Keep the following facts in mind.

Often the vowel quantities of identically spelled forms will differ.

liber (long i) *free* **liber** (short i) *book*

Since the words that look alike are often different parts of speech, their use in context will frequently assist you.

Tantalus nōn liber erat, sed in Tartarō tenēbātur.

Tantalus was not free, but he was held in Tartarus.

Clārus liber poētae Vergili multa dē Tartarō nārrat.*

The famous book of the poet Virgil tells many things about Tartarus.

*Nārrō means to *relate*.

(The famous book, of course, is the *Aeneid*.)

Note the difference in the stem between these two words:

ADJECTIVE STEM **liber**

NOUN STEM **libr**

Multi librī in Alexandria erant.

Many books were in Alexandria.

Magistrī puerōrum Rōmānōrum nōn liberī sed servī erant.

The teachers of Roman boys were not free men but slaves.

Gracchī, Tiberius Gāiusque, erant liberī Cornēliae, Rōmānae clārae.

The Gracchi, Tiberius, and Gaius, were the children of Cornelia, a famous Roman woman.

Translate the entire sentence, paying special attention to underlined words.

1. Linguam barbaram novī.

2. Nōvistīne terminōs verbī nōvī?

3. Mēdicus* sum et vītam servō.

***medicus**, -ī, m. medic, doctor

4. Mēdicō, servō ēgregiō, vītam tuam mandā.

5. Nōne servōs tuōs liberās?

6. Ad terrās liberās prōcēdent.

7. Pugnā oppidum recipiēs.

8. Pugnā, Rōmāne!

9. Portās nostrās reliquistī*, soci, sed nōn ex animīs nostrīs excessistī.

**relinquō, relinquere, reliqui, relictus*: leave back, leave

10. Tēcum amīcitiām nostrām portās.



Present passive infinitives The infinitives that you know are present active infinitives; this lesson introduces you to the present passive infinitives for all four conjugations. Review your textbook reading before attempting this exercise.

Translate the following infinitives into Latin.

1. to call _____

2. to see _____

3. to lead _____

4. to receive _____

5. to find _____

Translate into English.

6. vocārī _____

7. vidērī _____

8. dūcī _____

9. accipī _____

10. invenīrī _____

Complete the chart.

PRESENT ACTIVE INFINITIVE	TRANSLATION	PRESENT PASSIVE INFINITIVE	TRANSLATION
11. convocāre	_____	_____	_____
12. liberāre	_____	_____	_____
13. merēre	_____	_____	_____
14. iubēre	_____	_____	_____
15. scribere	_____	_____	_____
16. trahere	_____	_____	_____
17. afficere	_____	_____	_____
18. cupere	_____	_____	_____
19. audire	_____	_____	_____
Try the procedure with a verb that you have not yet learned.			
20. impedire	_____	_____	_____



Present passive infinitive form Be careful not to confuse the present passive infinitive with other verb forms ending in **-ī**. Circle the present passive infinitive in each group of words, carefully distinguishing it from perfect active verb forms and perfect passive participles.

- gerī gessī gestī
- scripsī scribī scriptī
- trictī trahī trīxī
- cupīvī cupītī cupī
- dīmissī dīmīsī dīmīttī

In the next five groups of words, circle the *perfect passive participle*.



Remember that this form has all the endings of any first and second declension adjective. However, for the purposes of this exercise, only forms ending in **-ī** have been used.

- prōposuī prōpositī prōpōnī
- nōtī nōscī nōvī
- suscipī suscēpī susceptī
- interfēcī interfectī interficī
- reductī redigī redēgī



Present passive infinitive in English Translate the italicized words in each sentence and then answer the questions.

1. I do not want *to be loved* by Apollo. I would rather be a tree. Who am I?

2. I want my fortune *to be increased* by the golden torch. Who am I?

3. I want my forty-foot gold and ivory statue *to be placed* in the most beautiful building in the world. Who am I?

4. As Rome's thirteenth emperor, I want a massive campaign in Dacia *to be undertaken* immediately by my soldiers. Who am I?

5. As Rome's fourteenth emperor, I want our British holdings *to be fortified* from sea to sea by a great wall. Who am I?
