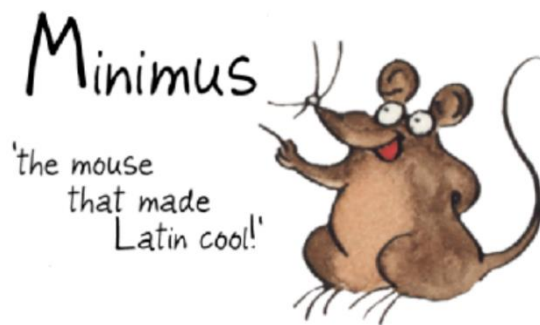


# Autumn 2

## Minimus Secundus

### Chapter 8

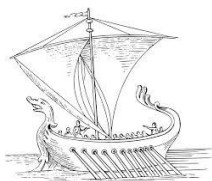


#### Grasp the Grammar – Imperfect Tense

In this chapter, we will be learning a form of the past tense. It is called the imperfect tense and (much the same as the past progressive) is used to describe continuous actions in the past. Like with other verbs, we can identify the imperfect tense and who was doing the action (the subject) by looking at the word ending.

#### EXAMPLE

nāvigābam	I was sailing
nāvigābās	you ( <i>sing</i> ) were sailing
nāvigābat	he/she/it was sailing
nāvigābāmus	we were sailing
nāvigābātis	you ( <i>pl</i> ) were sailing
nāvigābant	they were sailing



In this chapter, we will learn a lot about Roman seafaring. It was hazardous and maps were rare and inaccurate compared to the maps of today.

This half term, we will study the myth of Oceanus and Tethys. We will also investigate how some other constellations got their names.



To build our cultural capital, we will be looking into the significance of the ancient city of Delphi this half term.

In addition to our new grammatical learning about the imperfect tense, we will continue to consolidate our understanding of impersonal verbs this half term. Impersonal forms of verbs can be found in sentences where the subject of the verb is "it".



#### Key vocabulary

Latin	English
Nouns	
Calēdonia (f)	Scotland
deīs (m pl)	to the gods
Grammaticus (m)	teacher
litterae (f pl)	letters
nautae (m pl)	sailors
nāvis (f)	ship
portus (m)	harbour
tabulae (f pl)	tablets
tempestās (f)	storm
annōs (m pl)	years
frondēs (f pl)	leaves/herbs
ōrāculum (n)	oracle
Pŷthia (f)	the Pythia (Priestess of Delphi)
respōnsa Apollonis	Apollo's answers
sacerdōs (f)	priestess
tripode (f)	tripod
Verbs	
efflābat	It was blowing
erat	It was
habitās	You live
iactābat	It was tossing
nāvigābam	I was sailing
ōrābam	I was praying
pluēbat	It was raining
timēbās	You were frightened
volēbam	I wanted/I was wanting
cōsulēbam	I was consulting
discit	He learns
mandēbat	She was chewing
prōferēbat	She was uttering
sedēbat	She was sitting
Impersonal Verbs	
necesse erit tibi	It is necessary for you to (You will have to)
Infinitives	
dōnāre	to give/donate
grātiās agere	to thank
legere	to read
scribere	to write
Adjectives	
novus/a/um	new
turbulentus/a/um	stormy
ventōsus/a/um	windy
clārus/a/um	famous
Adverbs	
nūper	recently
tandem	at last
diū	for a long time
praecipuē	especially
Pronouns	
hās	these
Preposition	
ante	before/ago