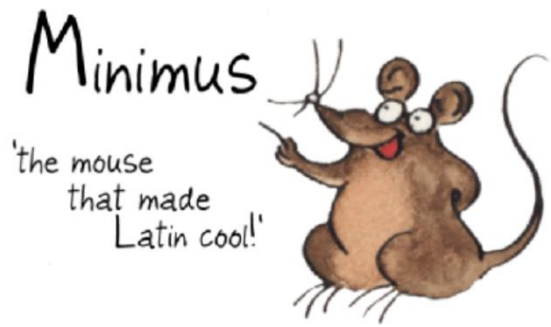


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Chapter 5



Grasp the Grammar – Impersonal Verbs

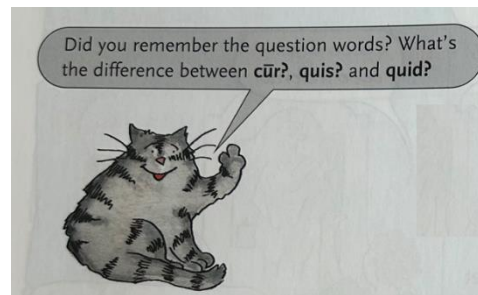
In this chapter, we meet several new impersonal verbs (where the subject of the verb is “it”). We need to think carefully about how we translate them so that they “sound right” in English. This means that we need to write our translation in the way we would naturally speak.

EXAMPLES

Latin version	Literal translation	Improved translation
mihi placet	It is pleasing to me	I want
tibi licet	It is permitted for you	You can/You are allowed.



The tombstone of Lucius Duccius Rufinus, now in the Yorkshire Museum



In this chapter, we will learn about the myth of Demeter and Persephone. Persephone was taken to the underworld by Hades. He only let her go under certain conditions and for certain parts of the year.

It is believed that this is what causes the seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter.



In this chapter, we will learn about the different roles within the Roman army.

Did you know that standard-bearers were in charge of organising the soldiers' pay?

Key vocabulary

Latin	English
Nouns	
dies (m pl)	days
iuvenis (m)	young man
phalerae (f pl)	medals
proelium (n)	battle
sacellum (n)	chapel
signifier (m)	standard-bearer
signum (n)	military standard
dux (m)	leader
epistula (f)	letter
stipendium (n)	pay (for soldiers)
titulus (m)	inscription
Dānuvius (m)	The river Danube
pōns (m)	bridge
saxum (n)	stone
scrība (f)	secretary
Verbs	
cūrat	He looks after
custōdit	He guards
erat	He was
volō	I want
vīs	You want
legit	She reads
pugnō	I fight
pugnant	They fight
tenet	She holds
Infinitives	
facere	to make
invenīre	to find
sculpere	to carve
labōrāre	to work
portāre	to carry
Impersonal Verbs	
mihi placet	I want (It pleases me)
trānsit	It crosses
tibi licet	You may (It is permitted for you)
ningit	It is snowing
Adjectives	
cārissime	dearest
paucōs	a few
trīstis	sad
tutus/a/um	safe
Prepositions	
post	after
sub	under
Adverbs	
tam	so
tamen	however