

Worksheet 10: Prose Composition I

I. **Prose Composition:** The process of translating any language into the target language.

- Latin Prose Composition is an art! You must think like a Roman!
- Composition is not decoding – you cannot simply “translate” each word into Latin.
- For nouns, you must consider the function in the sentence. In Latin, function = **case**!
- For verbs, consider who the subject is to determine the **person** and **number** the verb will need to be. Use helping verbs to determine the **tense**!
- Very often, a Latin sentence will be fewer words than the equivalent English sentence.

II. **Practice:** Compose Latin sentences based on the following English sentences. For nouns, identify the **case** you have used. For verbs, identify the **person, number, and tense**.

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| 1. The boy sees the road. | <i>Puer</i> | <i>viam</i> | <i>videt.</i> |
| 2. Anger moves the women. | | | |
| 3. School is life. | | | |
| 4. The sailors will shout the words. | | | |
| 5. We were holding the books. | | | |
| 6. The man will prepare dinner. | | | |
| 7. The sons can teach the poets. | | | |
| 8. The farmers will praise the gods. | | | |
| 9. I am able to scare the students. | | | |
| 10. The students will not fear the language. | | | |

III. **Verb Conjugation:** Conjugate in the present active system (present, imperfect, and future).

1. **rogō, rogāre, rogāvī, rogātus:** to ask

	Present	Imperfect	Future
1 st sg.			
2 nd sg.			
3 rd sg.			
1 st pl.			
2 nd pl.			
3 rd pl.			

2. **timeō, timēre, timuī:** to be afraid, fear

	Present	Imperfect	Future
1 st sg.			
2 nd sg.			
3 rd sg.			
1 st pl.			
2 nd pl.			
3 rd pl.			

3. **stō, stāre, stetī, stātus:** to stand

	Present	Imperfect	Future
1 st sg.			
2 nd sg.			
3 rd sg.			
1 st pl.			
2 nd pl.			
3 rd pl.			

4. **moveō, movēre, mōvī, mōtus:** to move

	Present	Imperfect	Future
1 st sg.			
2 nd sg.			
3 rd sg.			
1 st pl.			
2 nd pl.			
3 rd pl.			

5. **possum, posse, potuī:** to be able (to)

	Present	Imperfect	Future
1 st sg.			
2 nd sg.			
3 rd sg.			
1 st pl.			
2 nd pl.			
3 rd pl.			