Review of Case Uses

Nominative Case

Subject

Puella leonem spectat.

"The girl watches the lion."

Servus cucurrit ad forum.

"The slave ran to the forum."

Complement

Leones sunt amici mei.

"Lions are my friends."

Feminae erant defessae.

"The women were *tired*."

Nota bene: requires a linking verb

Genitive Case ("of")

Possession

Haec est villa amicī.

"This is the house of a friend."

"This is a friend's house."

Aurelia est mater puerōrum.

"Aurelia is the mother of the boys."

"Aurelia is *the boys*' mother."

Partitive or Of the Whole

Haec pars urbis est antiqua.

"This part of the city is ancient."

Servus nihil pecuniae habet.

"The slave has nothing of money."

"The slave has no *money*."

Habemusne satis temporis?

"Do we have enough *time*?"

Dative Case ("to, for")

Indirect Object

Dominus servō libertatem dedit.

"The master gave freedom to the slave."

"The master gave *the slave* freedom."

Marcus Corneliae laborem confecit.

"Marcus finished the task *for Cornelia.*"

Possession

Feles mihi est.

"The cat is mine."

"The cat belongs to me."

Villa *patrī* erit.

"The house will be *father*'s."

"The house will belong to father."

Nota bene: form of sum, esse required

Accusative Case

Direct Object

Puella leonem spectat.

"The girl watches the lion."

Poetae *librōs* scribebant.

"The poets were writing books."

Place To Which

Ad villam ambulavimus.

"We walked toward the house."

Puella domum it.

"The girl is going home."

Duration of Time

Trēs diēs ambulabam.

"I was walking for three days."

Multōs diēs in urbe manebimus.

"We will remain in the city for many days."

Ablative Case ("with, by, from")

Time When

Primā luce discedam.

"I will leave at dawn."

Nocte in lectō sterto.

"At night I snore in my bed."

<u>Cause</u>

Labore defessi sumus.

"We are exhausted from the work."

Titus silentiō Circī attonitus erat.

"Titus was suprised *by the silence* of the Circus."

Place Where

Pater in *villā* est.

"Father is in the house."

Place From Which

Sextus ex arbore cecidit.

"Sextus fell out of the tree."

Accompaniment

Cum amicīs ludo.

"I am playing with friends."

Ille vir est *virtute* optimus.

"That man is the best with respect to virtue."

"That man is the best *in virtue*."

Means

Servi lapidibus oppressi erant.

"The slaves were crushed with stones."

Miles gladiō hostem necavit.

"The soldier killed the enemy with a sword."

Manner

Puella magnā cum voce clamabat.

"The girl was yelling with a loud voice."

Mater *curā* filium spectat.

"The mother is watching her son with concern."

Vocative Case

Direct Address

Sexte, fer mihi cenam!

"Sextus, bring me dinner!"
Dormiebas, Cornelia, et clamores non audivisti.

"You were sleeping, *Cornelia*, and you did not hear the shouts."