

Latin

Irregular Verbs: *possum* and *poteram*

Downloadable Resource

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The Irregular Verb 'to be able'

Present Tense		Imperfect Tense	
<i>possum</i>	I am able	<i>poteram</i>	I was able
<i>potes</i>	You (s) are able	<i>poteras</i>	You (s) were able
<i>potest</i>	She is able	<i>poterat</i>	She was able
<i>possumus</i>	We are able	<i>poteramus</i>	We were able
<i>potestis</i>	You (pl) are able	<i>poteratis</i>	You (pl) were able
<i>possunt</i>	They are able	<i>poterant</i>	They were able



Main Task 2

Translate into English.

1. *legere poteram.*
2. *currere poteramus.*
3. *villam intrare poteratis.*
4. *canis consumere poterat.*
5. *cibum portare non possumus.*
6. *laetae erant quod manere poterant.*



Challenge

Translate these especially tricky sentences.

1. *currebamus. superare non poteram. primus es.*
2. *consumere poteratis. laeti eratis. ambulare non potestis.*



Review

Only turn to this section once you have completed the main task(s).



Main Task 2

Correct your answers.

1. *legere poteram*. I was able to read.
2. *currere poteramus*. We were able to run.
3. *villam intrare poteratis*. You (pl) were able to enter the house.
4. *canis consumere poterat*. The dog was able to eat.
5. *cibum portare non possumus*. We are not able to carry the food.
6. *laetae erant quod manere poterant*. They were happy because they were able to stay.



Challenge

Correct your answers.

1. *currebamus. superare non poteram. primus es.*

We were running. I was not able to overpower. You (s) are first.

2. *consumere poteratis. laeti eratis. ambulare non potestis.*

You (pl) were able to eat. You (pl) were happy. You (pl) are not able to walk.

