

Latin

The Irregular Comparison of Adjectives

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Positive		Comparative		Superlative	
Latin	English	Latin	English	Latin	English
<i>bonus</i>	good	<i>melior, -ius</i>	better	<i>optimus</i>	best, very good
<i>malus</i>	bad	<i>peior, -ius</i>	worse	<i>pessimus</i>	worst, very bad
<i>magnus</i>	big, great	<i>maior, -ius</i>	bigger, greater	<i>maximus</i>	biggest, greatest, very big/great
<i>parvus</i>	small	<i>minor, minus</i>	smaller	<i>minimus</i>	smallest, very small
<i>multus</i>	much, many	<i>plus, plur-</i>	more	<i>plurimus</i>	most, very much, very many



Main Task

Translate into English.

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1. *rex est pessimus et minimus.*
2. *ego plus quam tu volo.*
3. *nos sumus meliores quam vos; vos estis peiores quam nos.*
4. *plures et plures cives in foro magno clamabant.*
5. *olim periculum erat maximum; nunc est minus.*
6. *iam regina optima milites plurimos duxit.*

Don't forget the Challenge!



Challenge

Translate into Latin.

1. the worst god
2. the worse emperor
3. the smallest gift
4. the biggest streets
5. the best mother



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



Main Task: Review

Correct your answers.

1. *rex est pessimus et minimus.* The king is very bad and very small.
2. *ego plus quam tu volo.* I want more than you (s).
3. *nos sumus meliores quam vos; vos estis peiores quam nos.* We are better than you (pl); you (pl) are worse than we/us.
4. *plures et plures cives in foro magno clamabant.* More and more citizens were shouting in the great forum.
5. *olim periculum erat maximum; nunc est minus.* Once the danger was very great; now it is smaller/less.
6. *iam regina optima milites plurimos duxit.* The very good queen led very many soldiers.



Challenge: Review

Correct your answers.

1. the worst god *deus pessimus*
2. the worse emperor *imperator peior*
3. the smallest gift *donum minimum*
4. the biggest streets *viae maximae*
5. the best mother *mater optima*

