

Latin

Compound Verbs

Downloadable Resource

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Compound Verbs

- Compound verbs are formed of a main verb with a prefix to do with direction, e.g. **adeo** ('I go **towards**'), **refero** ('I bring **back**').
- These prefixes can be added to other verbs, such as **ago** ('I do, act, drive'; perfect: *egi*), **duco** ('I lead'), **iacio**, which becomes **-icio** ('I throw'; perfect: *ieci*), and **mitto** ('I send'; perfect: *misi*).



Compound Verbs

Prefix	
Latin	English
<i>ab-</i>	away
<i>ad-</i>	towards
<i>con-, (col-, cor-, com-)</i>	together
<i>de-</i>	down
<i>circum-</i>	around
<i>ex-</i>	out of
<i>in-</i>	into
<i>red-</i>	back
<i>trans-</i>	across



Compound Verbs - Common Forms

Latin	English
<i>abripio</i>	I grab from/away
<i>circumspecto</i>	I look around
<i>convoco</i>	I call together, gather
<i>depono</i>	I put down
<i>exclamo</i>	I shout out
<i>recipio</i>	I take back
<i>repeto</i>	I re-seek
<i>repugno</i>	I fight back
<i>retineo</i>	I hold back
<i>transporto</i>	I carry across



Compound Verbs - Don't confuse with

Latin	English	Latin	English
<i>absum</i>	I am away, absent	<i>advenio</i>	I arrive
<i>adsum</i>	I am here, present	<i>effugio</i>	I escape
<i>aberam</i>	I was away, absent	<i>expecto</i>	I wait for
<i>aderam</i>	I was here, present	<i>invenio</i>	I find
<i>accipio</i>	I receive, accept	<i>pereo</i>	I die
<i>adiuvo</i>	I help	<i>trado</i>	I hand over



Main Task 1

Translate into English.

1. *abagebatis.*

2. *adegit.*

3. *abicit.*

4. *reduximus.*

5. *emittebant.*

6. *adsunt.*

7. *aberat.*

8. *exclamavi.*

9. *repetere*

10. *transportabas.*

11. *perierat.*

12. *invenerunt.*



Main Task 2

Translate into English.

1. *Romani captivos abduxerunt.*
2. *deicite vestros gladios!*
3. *iam nox aderat.*
4. *nos hostes fortiter abagemus.*
5. *cives, cum rex eos ad templum convocavisset, exclamabant.*
6. *rex naves exspectabat ut milites trans mare transportaret.*

Don't forget the Challenge!



Challenge

Translate these tricky compound verbs including forms of eo.

1. *abes.*

2. *abis.*

3. *ibas.*

4. *abestis.*

5. *abiistis.*

6. *adest.*

7. *adiit.*

8. *adicit.*

9. *adiecit.*

10. *dicit.*



Review

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



Main Task 1: Review

Correct your answers.

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| 1. <i>abagebatis</i> . You (pl) were driving away. | 7. <i>aberrat</i> . He/she was away. |
| 2. <i>adegit</i> . He/she drove to. | 8. <i>exclamavi</i> . I shouted out. |
| 3. <i>abicit</i> . He/she throws away. | 9. <i>repetere</i> to re-see |
| 4. <i>reduximus</i> . We led back. | 10. <i>transportabas</i> . You (s) were carrying across. |
| 5. <i>emittebant</i> . They were sending out. | 11. <i>perierat</i> . He/she had died. |
| 6. <i>adsunt</i> . They are present. | 12. <i>invenerunt</i> . They found. |



Main Task 2: Review

Correct your answers.

1. *Romani captivos abduxerunt.* The Romans led away the prisoners.
2. *deicite vestros gladios!* Throw down your swords!
3. *iam nox aderat.* Now night was here.
4. *nos hostes fortiter abagemus.* We will drive the enemy away bravely.



Main Task 2: Review

Correct your answers.

5. *cives, cum rex eos ad templum convocavisset, exclamabant.*
The citizens, when the king had called them together at the temple, were shouting out.
6. *rex naves exspectabat ut milites trans mare transportaret.*
The king was waiting for ships (in order) to carry soldiers across the sea.



Challenge: Review

Correct your answers.

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| 1. <i>abes</i> . You (s) are absent. | 6. <i>adest</i> . He/she is present. |
| 2. <i>abis</i> . You (s) go away. | 7. <i>adiit</i> . He/she went to. |
| 3. <i>ibas</i> . You (s) were going. | 8. <i>adicit</i> . He/she throws to/at. |
| 4. <i>abestis</i> . You (pl) are away. | 9. <i>adiecit</i> . He/she threw to/at. |
| 5. <i>abiistis</i> . You (pl) went away. | 10. <i>dicit</i> . He/she says, speaks. |

