Latin

cum Clauses Downloadable Resource

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- When used with a subjunctive verb, **cum** is a **conjunction** meaning **'when'** or **'since'**.
- You must be careful to distinguish this use of *cum* from the **preposition** *cum* used with the ablative case to mean **'with'**.
- *cum* can be used with the **imperfect** or **pluperfect** subjunctive.

The Imperfect Subjunctive

English	Latin	e.g.
I	*-rem*	*porta-rem*
You (s)	*-res*	*porta-res*
He, she, it	***-ret***	***porta-ret***
We	*-remus*	*porta-remus*
You (pl)	*-retis*	*porta-retis*
They	***-rent***	***porta-rent***

esset ('was')

posset ('was able')

vellet ('wanted')

nollet ('didn't want)

The Pluperfect Subjunctive

English	Latin	e.g.
I	-issem	*portav-issem*
You (s)	-isses	*portav-isses*
He, she, it	**-isset**	*portav-**isset***
We	-issemus	*portav-issemus*
You (pl)	-issetis	*portav-issetis*
They	**-issent**	*portav-**issent***

The Imperfect and Pluperfect Subjunctive

Tense	Indicative	Subjunctive	English
Imperfect	*-ba-*	*-re-*	was/were -ing
e.g.	*porta**ba**t*	*porta**re**t*	she **was** carry**ing**
Pluperfect	[perfect stem] *-era-*	[perfect stem] *-isse-*	had -ed
e.g.	*porta**vera**t*	*porta**visse**t*	she **had** carri**ed**
e.g.	*di**xera**t*	*di**xisse**t*	she **had** sai**d**

Main Task

Translate into English.

1. *mater, cum haec audivisset, timebat.*
2. *uxor, cum per silvam ambularet, clamorem audivit.*
3. *imperator, cum iam senex esset, pugnare non poterat.*
4. *Romani, cum ad flumen magnum venissent, naves fecerunt.*
5. *cum tamen puella donum regi ostendisset, ille id nolebat.*
6. *femina cum comitibus prope mare ambulabat, cum naves spectare vellet.*

Don't forget the Challenge!

Challenge

i) Turn into a sentence with a cum clause.

ii) Translate the new sentence.

1. *vir, ubi verba regis audivit, erat laetior.*
2. *quod rex hoc facere nolebat, triste discessit.*
3. *imperator ferox tamen, postquam omnes hostes necavit, Roma discessit.*
4. *regina iuvenem, quem conspexerat, discedere iussit.*

ubi/postquam + perf → cum + pluperf

Review

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

Main Task: Review

1. *mater, cum haec audivisset, timebat.* The mother, when she had heard this/these things, was afraid.
2. *uxor, cum per silvam ambularet, clamorem audivit.* The wife, when she was walking through the wood, heard a shout.
3. *imperator, cum iam senex esset, pugnare non poterat.* The emperor, since he was now an old man, was not able to fight.

Main Task: Review

4. *Romani, cum ad flumen magnum venissent, naves fecerunt.* The Romans, when they had come to the great river, made ships.

5. *cum tamen puella donum regi ostendisset, ille id nolebat.* When however the girl had shown the gift to the king, he did not want it.

6. *femina cum comitibus prope mare ambulabat, cum naves spectare vellet.* The woman was walking with her companions near the sea, since she wanted to watch the ships.

Challenge: Review

1. *vir, cum verba regis audivisset, erat laetior.* The man, when he had heard the words of the king, was happier.

2. *cum rex hoc facere nollet, triste discessit.* Since the king did not want to do this, he left sadly.

3. *imperator ferox tamen, cum omnes hostes necavisset, Roma discessit.* However, the fierce emperor, when he had killed all the enemy, left Rome.

4. *regina, cum iuvenem conspexisset, eum discedere iussit.* The queen, when she had noticed the young man, ordered him to leave.