

Latin

***ut* Clauses 2: Indirect Commands**

Downloadable Resource

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Indirect Commands

Clause	Recognised by	Translated
Indirect Command	verb of ordering + <i>ut</i> + subj	'ordered'...to 'ordered'...that

- Reports a command.
- Negative indirect commands use **ne** ('not...to') + an imperfect subjunctive verb.



The Imperfect Subjunctive

Tense	Indicative	Subjunctive	English
Imperfect	-ba-	-re-	was/were -ing
e.g.	<i>portabat</i>	<i>portaret</i>	she was carry ing (or for indirect commands: carry)

- For certain subordinate clauses, Latin verbs go into a new mood, called the subjunctive.
- For now, translated the same as an indicative (normal) verb.



The Imperfect Subjunctive

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

esset →
from *sum*



Indirect Commands - Verbs of Ordering

Latin	English
<i>impero</i> + dative	I order
<i>oro</i>	I beg
<i>persuadeo</i> + dative	I persuade
<i>rogo</i>	I ask
<i>postulo</i>	I demand
<i>suos, suis</i> (no noun)	his (their, her) men



Main Task

Translate into English.

1. *dux comitibus imperavit ut manerent.*
2. *dea maritum oravit ut hoc donum daret.*
3. *rex suis imperavit ne clamorem facerent.*
4. *mater mihi persuasit ut hoc facerem.*
5. *uxori persuasit ut eum audiret.*
6. *nos postulavimus ut ille esset imperator novus.*

Don't forget the Challenge!



Challenge: Purpose Clauses

Translate these sentences containing both an indirect command and a purpose clause.

1. *dux milites oppugnare iussit ut urbem caperet.*
2. *imperator suis imperavit ut ad insulam adirent ut hostes vincerent.*
3. *deus filio imperavit ut in summo monte sederet ut omnes homines spectaret.*
4. *postridie vir nautas rogavit ut navem parerent ut ad insulam rediret.*



Review

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



Main Task: Review

Correct your answers.

1. *dux comitibus imperavit ut manerent.* The leader ordered his companions to stay.
2. *dea maritum oravit ut hoc donum daret.* The goddess begged her husband to give (her) this gift.
3. *rex suis imperavit ne clamorem facerent.* The king ordered his men not to make a noise.



Main Task: Review

Correct your answers.

4. *mater mihi persuasit ut hoc facerem.* My mother persuaded me to do this.
5. *uxori persuasit ut eum audiret.* He persuaded his wife to listen to him.
6. *nos postulavimus ut ille esset imperator novus.* We demanded that he be the new emperor.



Challenge: Review

Correct your answers.

1. *dux milites oppugnare iussit ut urbem caperet.* The leader ordered the soldiers to attack so that he take the city.
2. *imperator suis imperavit ut ad insulam adirent ut hostes vincerent.* The emperor ordered his men to go to the island (in order) to conquer the enemy.
3. *deus filio imperavit ut in summo monte sederet ut omnes homines spectaret.* The god ordered his son to sit on the top of the mountain (in order) to watch all the people.
4. *postridie vir nautas rogavit ut navem parerent ut ad insulam rediret.* On the next day, the man asked the sailors to prepare a ship (in order) to return to the island.

