

COMMERCIIUM EPISTULARUM (I)

1. INTRODUCING OURSELVES

Hello!	SALVE (sg) / SALVETE (pl) !
Hello my friend (m./f.) / friends !	Salve amice / amica // salvete amici !
My last name is...and my first name... in English	Mihi nomen est..... et praenomen.....
<u>but</u> in Latin...	vulgo... (= "in the vulgar tongue", "in the vernacular")
you <u>may</u> ...	Latine <u>autem</u>... ("autem" always in 2 nd position)
... call me...	tibi (vobis) <u>licet</u>... (impersonal verb + dative)
	me appellare (infinitive clause, subject of "licet")

2. TALKING ABOUT OUR INTERESTS AND WHAT WE LIKE TO DO

(review 4th-conjugation verbs and verb objects)

We can't translate "I like riding, sports, Latin" literally. Instead, we have the following options:

I like...	mihi libet / mihi placet... (impersonal verbs + dative)
= > a lot / a little	multum / paulum
= > enormously / not at all	maxime / minime
to...	(infinitive clauses, subjects of the impersonal verb)
...do sports / play...	corpus exercere / ludere... (+ acc. or abl.)
= > football (GB) soccer (NA) / handball / badminton:	pedifolle / manufolle / ludo pilae pinnatae ludere
= > to play tennis / to play table tennis:	tenisiam / tenisiam mensalem ludere
= > to play basketball / volleyball / rugby:	folle bascaudario / folle volatico / harpastum ludere
= > to box / to do martial arts:	pugilatam / luctam (karaticam / iudoicam) colere
to go riding / to swim:	equitare / natare
to ski / to hike:	nartare / in locis rusticis ambulare
to do athletics:	athleticam exercere
to dance / to sing / to play	saltare / cantare / canere (+ acc. or abl.)
= > the flute / the clarinet:	tibia, ae, f. / tibia, ae clarisona, ae, f. => acc. or abl.?
= > the guitar / the violin / the trumpet:	cithara, ae Hispanica, ae, f. / violina, ae, f. / tuba, ae
= > the piano / the drums / the saxophone:	clavile, is, n. / tympana, orum, n.pl. / saxophonum, i
to have fun / to dream	ludere / somniare
to talk / to go out with friends	colloqui / ambulare cum amicis
to travel in Britain / in the U.S.A. - to travel in foreign places:	per Britanniam / per Civitates Foederatas Americae itinera facere - peregrinari
to surf the Internet	situs (< situs, us, m) interretiales visitare
to read / to listen to music	libros legere / musicam audire
to watch TV	televisionem spectare
to study, be interested in...	studeo, es, ere (+ dative!) or disco, is, ere (to learn)
= > literature, English	litterae, arum, f.pl. / Anglica lingua, ae, f.
= > science / nature	scientia, ae, f. / physica, ae, f.
= > mathematics	mathematica, ae, f.
= > French / German / Spanish	Francogallica / Germanica / Hispanica lingua, ae, f.
= > Latin / Greek	Latina / Graeca lingua, ae, f.
Goodbye!	VALE / VALETE (or) BENE VALE / VALETE