

Latin Exam Revision tips

There are three essential areas which you need to focus on in your Latin revision:

1. Vocabulary
2. Grammar
3. Greek myths (Common Entrance only)

You have already been given sheets for each focus area in class but you can also download them again from www.cyberlatin.net if required.

Remember, your revision will be more effective in short sessions of about 20 minutes with a 10 minute break at the end of each session. You should revisit each topic as often as you can over the next few months.

1. Vocabulary

Any passage of Latin will be easier to tackle and understand if you know your vocabulary as thoroughly as possible. The key is not just to sit and stare at the words but to do something active such as write or type them out. You can also use the following to help with your vocab learning:

1. Vocab Express (www.vocabexpress.com)
2. Cyberlatin (www.cyberlatin.net). Here you can find online vocabulary games and also self test sheets for C.E. Levels 1-3 which are available to print.
3. Try making your own flashcards. You can either make them by hand or download a free app to use on a tablet, laptop or similar device.

2. Grammar

Many people find this the hardest section of a Latin paper but remember that all the information you need can be found in your grammar booklet. The booklet is designed to be a simplified and self-explanatory version of the required grammar.

My Latin holiday revision sheets always give guidance on grammar areas to focus on which breaks the booklet down into small chunks. Always read these guidance sheets carefully. They are there to help you and make your learning seem less daunting.

There is a checklist at the back of your grammar booklet which you should use to tick off the topics when you feel confident with them and highlight those points which you don't understand so that you can ask me for help on them.

You can also use the following to help with your grammar learning:

1. Grammar games on Cyberlatin (www.cyberlatin.net)
2. Flashcards (see Vocabulary section above for details).
3. Make a PowerPoint of a grammar topic which you find difficult, imagining you are explaining it in very simple terms to someone younger than you.

3. Greek Myths (applies to Common Entrance only)

The Greek myth essay question is a relatively straightforward section to gain full marks if you learn the stories carefully from your Greek myths booklet. If you find the language questions difficult then this is your place to

shine and really boost your overall mark. Again, you should make your learning active so that you remember the stories more clearly. Here are some suggestions:

i. Turn the story into a short play and act it out with friends or on your own. You could film or record the play and watch it back another time.

ii. Make comic strip versions of the myths to help with the sequencing of the stories.

iii. Make a PowerPoint detailing the main points of each story.

Practice papers

I usually provide practice papers over the Christmas and Easter holidays. You can find detailed tips on how to tackle these more effectively at www.cyberlatin.net.

Finally

Don't panic! If you don't understand any of your revision highlight it and come and ask me about it. I will then try to find another way to explain it to you.