

Latin – Primary Latin: Chapter 5 – An errand in town

Interactive Image

A streetscene with vendors of a variety of foods and wares.

Archaeology

The triclinium of the House of Neptune and Amphitrite. A lavish dinner party. Mystery object: jug handle.

Stories

1. *An errand for Aper and Caper*: The two slaves go do shopping, but Aper draws the short straw.
2. *Balbus looks for a present*: Balbus thinks he's found an exotic animal for Livia's birthday... or has he?
3. *A new spice*: Cara's family try a new spice: pepper from India.

Language development and sentence patterns

Longer sentences, including with two verbs:

mercator est in via, et Balbum salutat.

The merchant is in the street, and greets Balbus.

Caper mercatorem videt, et salutat.

Caper sees the merchant, and greets [him].

Vocabulary for learning

cena

dinner

laudat

praises

cupit

wants, wishes

pavo, pavonem

peacock

eheu!

oh no!

portat

carries, is carrying

exclamat

cries out, shouts out

quoque

also, too

habet

has, holds, owns

sed

but

Civilisation

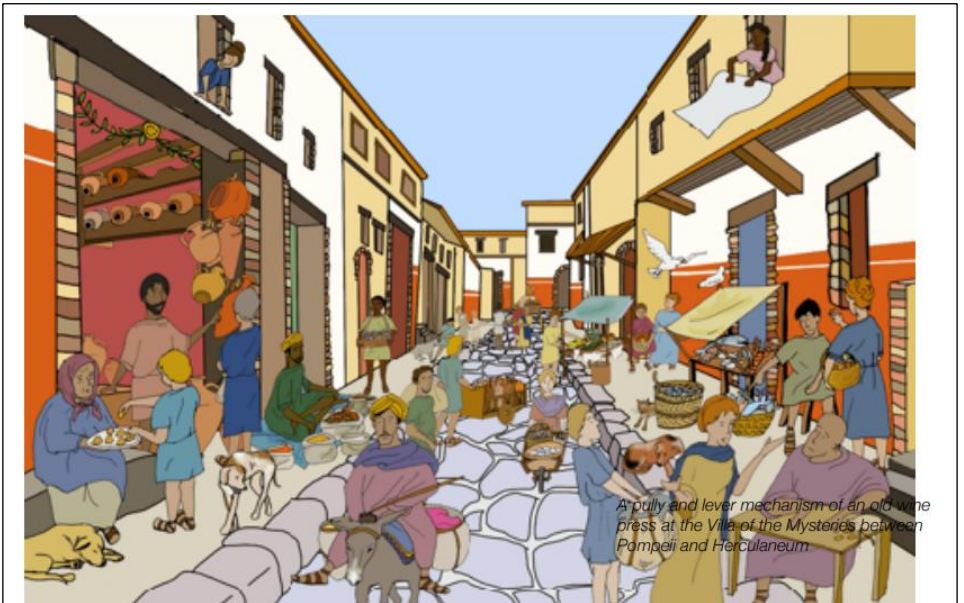
The food consumed by the people of Herculaneum; how it was sourced, prepared, and eaten, and how food eaten by the common and the wealthy differed.

Fact file

Aper and Caper, the slaves. Looking at the lives of slaves of a variety of backgrounds under the Empire.

Mythology

The story of Demeter and Persephone, and how myths were used to explain natural phenomena (in this case, the seasons).



A pulley and lever mechanism of an old wine press at the Villa of the Mysteries between Pompeii and Herculaneum