



## Chapter 3: Comprehension

### EXERCISE 3.11: THE SACRED GEESE



1. lines 1-4: multī Rōmānī abiērunt quod timēbant. cēterī Rōmānī in Capitōliō manēbant: 'Capitōlium sacrum est,' inquit. 'Iuppiter et Iūnō et Minerva in Capitōliō habitant. bonum est Capitōlium fortiter dēfendere.'

The Romans were fighting the Gauls. Many Romans abandoned Rome because they were afraid. Why did other Romans stay on the Capitoline hill? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. lines 5-6: Gallī vincere nōn poterant quod difficile erat ad Capitōlium ascendere.

Why were the Gauls not able to win? \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

3. lines 6-8: tandem Gallī cōnsilium bonum cēpērunt. prope flūmen erat saxum praeruptum: Gallī saxum praeruptum clam ascendere poterant.

What was clever about the plan which the Gauls made? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. lines 9-10: tum Gallī saxum ascendēbant. Rōmānī dormiēbant; Rōmānī Gallōs nōn audīvērunt.

When did the Gauls start to climb? Why do you think they chose this time? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. lines 10-11: subitō anserēs sacri Gallōs cōspexērunt. subitō anserēs clangōrēs fēcērunt. subitō Rōmānī anserēs audīvērunt et Gallōs cōspexērunt.

How did the geese ruin the Gauls' plan? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. lines 11-12: Rōmānī ad Gallōs celeriter cucurrērunt et audacter pugnābant.

What did the Romans do after hearing the noises from the Geese?

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7. lines 12-14: Rōmānī Gallōs dē saxō iaciēbant; corpora, arma, gladii et sagittae dē saxō cadēbant. Rōmānī multōs Gallōs interfēcērunt.

How do we know that the Romans beat the Gauls easily? Describe in your own words what happened to them. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

8. line 15-16: Rōmānī laetī erant. 'in Capitōliō mānsimus,' inquit, 'quod sacrum est. ā deīs auxilium petivimus: deī Rōmam servāvērunt.'

Why were the Romans happy? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Do you think that the Romans deserved this victory against the Gauls? Explain your answer with reference to details from the story. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Grammar questions

1. line 1: *ōlim Rōmānī contrā Gallōs diū pugnābant.*

Identify a verb in the imperfect tense from this sentence. Give the conjugation of this verb.

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2. line 2: *cēterī Rōmānī in Capitōliō manēbant*

Identify and explain the case of *Capitōliō*.

\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

3. line 13: *corpora, arma, gladiī et sagittae dē saxō cadēbant*

Which two nouns in this sentence are second declension nominative pl? Explain why their endings are different.

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