



## Chapter 4: Comprehension

### EXERCISE 4.10: THE ROMANS OFFER A HUGE SACRIFICE TO THE GODS



1. lines 1-3: Carthāginiensēs saepe cum Rōmānīs pugnābant; saepe Carthāginiensēs multōs Rōmānōs interfēcērunt. Rōmānī miserī erant.

Why were the Romans miserable? Give 2 details.

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2. lines 3-4: Rōmānī Hannibalem timēbant. Rōmānī auxiliū ā deīs petere volēbant.

The Romans were afraid of Hannibal, the leader of the Carthaginians. What did they want to do?

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3. lines 5-6: 'deī irātī sunt,' inquit Fabius, 'quod mala sacrificia fēcimus.'

Why did the Romans' leader, Fabius, think that the Romans were losing against the Carthaginians?

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4. lines 6-7: Rōmānī Fabiō crēdēbant quod Fabius dux bonus erat.

Why did the Romans trust Fabius? \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

5. lines 7-8: Fabius Rōmānōs iūssit bona sacrificia facere.

What did Fabius order the Romans to do? \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

6. lines 9-10: 'necesse est multōs bovēs Iovī dare,' inquit Fabius. 'necesse est multa dōna deīs dare.'

What did Fabius say it was necessary for the Romans to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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

7. lines 10-12: Rōmānī in ārā Iovis trecentōs bovēs interfēcērunt. 'post quīnque annōs,' inquit Fabius, 'multa dōna deīs dabimus: dabimus multōs bovēs, multa animālia.'

The Romans killed 300 oxen; what did Fabius say they would do after 5 years? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. lines 12-13: Fabius Rōmānīs persuāsit; Rōmānī deōs laetōs facere volēbant.

Why did the Romans agree with Fabius? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Do you think the size of the sacrifices ordered by Fabius was reasonable? What does this tell us about the threat from Hannibal and the Romans' belief about the gods? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Grammar questions

1. line 3: Rōmānī miserī erant

Give the stem of the adjective *miserī*. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]



2. line 5: Fabius erat dux Rōmānōrum

Identify and translate the verb in this sentence. Give the principal parts of this verb.

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3. line 12: Fabius Rōmānīs persuāsit

What case is *Rōmānīs* and why? \_\_\_\_\_ [2]