



## Chapter 5: Comprehension

### EXERCISE 5.5: THE LUDI ROMANI



1. lines 1-2: Rōmānī deōs et deās laudāre volēbant: saepe lūdōs faciēbant quod volēbant deōs esse laetōs.

Why did the Romans have festivals? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

2. line 3: in Lūdīs Rōmānīs Rōmānī magnās epulās faciēbant.

During the Ludi Romani what did the Romans do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

3. lines 4-5: multī Rōmānī ad epulās veniēbant; multī agricolae ab agrīs ad urbem veniēbant quod ad epulās adesse volēbant.

Who came to the feast? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [2]

4. lines 5-6: servī et ancillae cēnam optimam ē villīs et tabernīs ad epulās ferēbant

What did the slaves and slave-women do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1]



5. lines 6-7: 'fertis,' inquit Rōmānī, 'cēnam optimam! volumus deōs et deās esse laetōs! volumus cēnam optimam cōsūmere!

Why were the Romans pleased that the slaves and slave-women brought an excellent feast?

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

6. lines 8-9: Rōmānī cibum cōsūmpsērunt et vīnum bibērunt; Rōmānī rīdēbant et laetī erant.

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

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

7. lines 10-11: Rōmānī etiam deōs et deās ad epulās Iovis vocābant: statuās deōrum et deārum prope mēnsās posuērunt.

Who else did the Romans call to Jupiter's feast? How did they do this? \_\_\_\_\_

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

8. line 11-12: Rōmānī volēbant deōs et deās adesse quod volēbant epulās esse fēlicēs.

Why did the Romans want the gods and goddesses to be present? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ [1]

9. Do you think a feast such as this was a good way to worship the gods? Explain your answer with reference to details from the story. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ [3]

### Grammar questions

1. line 6-7: 'fertis,' inquit Rōmānī, 'cēnam optimam! volumus deōs et deās esse laetōs!'

- a. Identify a verb in the present tense and explain how you know who the subject is.

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- b. Give the principal parts of the verb *fertis*. \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

- c. *volumus* is an irregular verb: write out its present tense in full. \_\_\_\_\_

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