



Chapter 5: Comprehension

EXERCISE 5.11: DEATH OF A CHARIOTEER



1. line 1: Scopus erat aurīga clārissimus. iterum et iterum in Circō Maximō vīcit.

How do we know that Scopus was successful? _____
_____ [1]

2. lines 1-2: Rōmānī et Rōmānae Scopum magnopere laudābant quod Scopus erat aurīga optimus.

Which two groups of people praised Scopus greatly and why? _____
_____ [2]

3. lines 3-4: Rōmānī et Rōmānae Scopum magnopere amābant quod Scopus erat aurīga pulcher.

Why did the Romans fall in love with Scopus? _____
_____ [1]



4. lines 4-5: Scopus, ubi in Circō Maximō certābat, semper Rōmānōs clāmāntēs audīvit, semper Rōmānōs laudantēs audīvit.

What did Scopus always hear the Romans doing? _____
_____ [2]

5. lines 5-6: Scopus laetus erat quod semper vincēbat. 'vincere,' inquit Scopus, 'est facile mihi!'

What did Scopus say about his frequent success? _____
_____ [1]

6. lines 7-8: olim Scopus Rōmānōs pecūniam ferentēs cōspexit; tum Rōmānōs pecūniam in arēnam iacentēs cōspexit!

What did Scopus notice the Romans doing? _____
_____ [2]

7. lines 8-9: Rōmānī pecūniam Scorpō dedērunt quod saepe vincēbat.

Why did the Romans give Scopus money? _____
_____ [1]

8. lines 12-13: deī tamen Scorpō invidēbant quod Rōmānī Scopum magnopere amābant.

Why were the gods jealous of Scopus? _____
_____ [1]

9. lines 14-15: deī Scopum certantem pūnīverunt: Scopum certantem interfēcērunt.

How did the gods punish Scopus? _____
_____ [1]

10. What do you think the sport of chariot racing was like? Would you have enjoyed watching it? Would you have wanted to compete? Explain your answer with reference to details from the story.

_____ [3]



Grammar questions

1. lines 7-8: *olim Scopus Rōmānōs pecūniam ferentēs cōspexit; tum Rōmānōs pecūniam in arēnam iacentēs cōspexit!*

Identify and translate the two present participles in this sentence.

- _____
- _____ [2]

2. lines 16-18: '*Scopus est mortuus,*' *clāmāvērunt. Rōmānae lacrimābant.*

There are three different verbs in this sentence, and each one is in a different tense. Write out each verb, identify its tense and translate each one into English.

- _____
- _____
- _____ [3]