

Exercise C13.2: Nouns in accusative and ablative cases

Each of the nouns in bold in the sentences below would take either the accusative or ablative form. Identify the case of each and then translate the noun into Latin. Remember, the accusative and ablative cases are used as follows:

accusative case

- direct object
- after certain prepositions
- in time phrases denoting 'how long' something lasted for
- in an accusative + infinitive indirect statement

ablative case

- to mean 'by / with / from / than / in'
- after certain prepositions
- in time phrases denoting 'when' or 'within which' time period an action took place
- as part of a noun + participle ablative absolute

1. For several **days** they suffered very greatly.
2. Although the enemy had left behind no **hope** of peace, some still did not despair.
3. They reported that the **same women** were stealing food.
4. A certain soldier, who had returned from the **army**, began to speak about the **matters**.
5. Within ten **days** he was dead.
6. They boldly carried off many things from the **homes** of citizens.
7. Because they admired their leader, they had **hope**.
8. Without a **leader** we shall suffer.
9. For the **whole day** you followed the army.
10. He reported the **event** to the army.