

SECTION C14: ENGLISH TO LATIN SENTENCES

Exercise C14.1: Ablative absolute

The sentences below contain subordinate clauses in bold, each of which could be translated into Latin as an ablative absolute.

Recast each of these as a participle phrase in English introduced by the word *with*. Then translate into Latin as an ablative absolute.

1. **When the army had been defeated**, the soldiers returned to their homes.
2. **While the leader was dying**, the citizens wept.
3. **After the matter had been announced**, the people rejoiced.
4. **Although the town had been burned**, the citizens still did not despair.
5. **When their voices had been heard**, the people wondered at the skill of the poets.
6. **After their toils had been done**, the women felt much joy.
7. **After the children had been punished**, the father set off from the house.
8. **While the messenger was speaking** in the forum, no voice could be heard.
9. **Because gold had been promised to the gods**, the people offered them many gifts.
10. **After many soldiers had been wounded**, the others did not want to die.