

Exercise B15.3: Turning phrases into clauses: indirect statement

This exercise uses vocabulary from Chapters 13–15.

Each of the sentences below contains an indirect statement. Practise translating these indirect statements by converting them into a subordinate clause in English, introduced by the conjunction *that*.

Each pair of sentences starts with a sentence with a present tense main verb and is then followed by a sentence with a past tense main verb: notice how the tense of the verb in the English subordinate clause changes when the main verb becomes a past tense.

1. exercitus sperat imperatorem praemia sibi oblaturum esse.
exercitus sperabat imperatorem praemia sibi oblaturum esse.

2. scimus principem ipsum lentissime mortuum esse.
sciebamus principem ipsum lentissime mortuum esse.

3. imperator sentit captivos libenter loqui.
imperator sentiebat captivos libenter loqui.

4. captivi promittunt se voces non sublaturus esse.
captivi promiserunt se voces non sublaturus esse.

5. imperator refert exercitum poenas dedisse.
imperator rettulit exercitum poenas dedisse.