

Greco-Roman Feast: Helpful Latin Phrases

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DURING THE DINNER

Salvete omnes!
Good evening, everyone!

Ego sum hospes primus/prima.
I am the chief guest!

Discumbamus.
Let's recline.

Let's sit down.
Sedemus.

Esurio!
I'm hungry!

Sitio!
I'm thirsty!

Felix convivium!
Sit felix convivium!
Bon appetit!

In vino veritas.
In wine is truth.

Propino tibi salutem!
Cheers! (I drink to your health!)

Ancilla! Veni! (Ancillae! Venite! = plural)
Slave girl(s), come here!

Eheu! Tempore precum Laribus et Penatibus venimus!
Oh no! We've arrived just in time to say prayers to the household gods!

Cena parata est.
Dinner is ready.

Nolo dividere lectum meum cum ea/eo!
I don't want to share my couch with her/him!

Amasne olivas?
Do you like olives?

Qui cibi sunt grati tibi? (Qui cibi tibi placent?)
What foods do you like?

Sumat sibi quisque, quod gratum est animo.
Let everyone help him/herself to whatever s/he likes.

Ius est iucundissimum!
The sauce is delicious!

De quo dixisti liquimen fieri?
What did you say *liquamen* is made of?

Non puto me illud edisse debere . . .
I don't think I should have eaten that . . .

Pone cetera apri in linteo tuo domum ferre.
Put the rest of that boar in your napkin to bring home.

ABOUT THE PERFORMANCES

Non alia tragoedia! Quando est comoedia proxima?
Not another tragedy! When is the next comedy?

Eugepae!
Yay!

Eheu!
Woe! Oh no!

Eu!
Bravo, Brava!

Bene!
Well done!

Iterum!
Encore! Again!

LESSON PLANS

Pro Iuppiter!
By Jupiter!

Me Hercule!
By Hercules!

Sede! Cum surgis, tum videre non possum.
Sit Down! When you get up, I can't see.

Tace (Tacete = plural)
Be Quiet!

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