

Declinatio II

Declinatio secunda

The second declension

► Masculine

Neuter

► Nom. sg. - us (m),
-er (m), -um (n)

► Gen sg. -i

- populus, i m people, nation
- servus, i m slave
- dominus, i m master
- arbiter, i m arbiter
- magister, i m teacher
- puer, i m boy
- pactum, i n pact
- bellum, i n war
- officium, i n duty

Nota bene!

- ▶ They are feminine:
humus, i f ground
pinus, i f pine tree
malus, i f apple tree
- ▶ They are neuter:
pelagus, i n sea
virus, i n venom
vulgus, i n crowd



I hate the uncultivated crowd and
keep them at a distance. Favour
me by your tongues (keep
silence).
[Lat., Odi profanum vulgus et
arceo.
Favete linguis.]

Horace

Masculine nouns -us

	Singularis		Pluralis	
Nom.	amicus	gladius	amic-i	gladi-i
Gen.	amic-i	gladi-i	amic-ōrum	gladi-ōrum
Dat.	amic-o	gladi-o	amic-is	gladi-is
Acc.	amic-um	gladi-um	amic-os	gladi-os
Abl.	amic-o	gladi-o	amic-is	gladi-is
Voc.	amic-e	gladi-us	amic-i	gladi-i

Masculine nouns

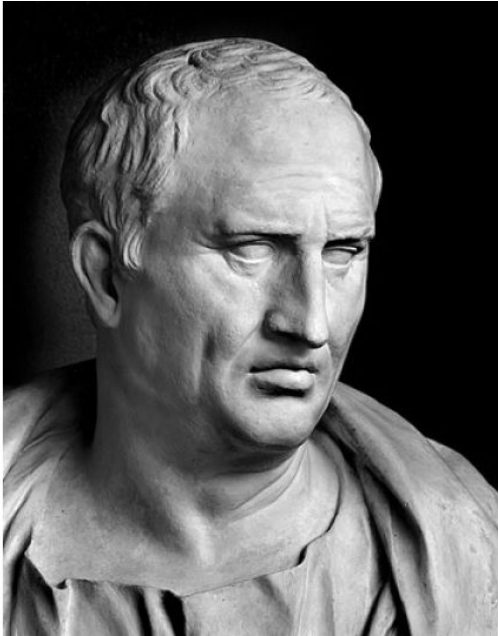
-er

	Singularis		Pluralis	
Nom.	arbiter	puer	arbitr-i	puēr-i
Gen.	arbitr-i	puēr-i	arbitr-ōrum	puēr-ōrum
Dat.	arbitr-o	puēr-o	arbitr-is	puēr-is
Acc.	arbitr-um	puēr-um	arbitr-os	puēr-os
Abl.	arbitr-o	puēr-o	arbitr-is	puēr-is
Voc.	arbiter	puer	arbitr-i	puēr-i

Neuter nouns

	Singularis		Pluralis	
Nom. (Voc.)	officium	exemplum	offici-a	
Gen.	offici-i		offici-ōrum	
Dat.	offici-o		offici-is	
Acc.	offici-um		offici-a	
Abl.	offici-o		offici-is	

Ad Ciceronem



- ▶ Disertissime Romuli nepotum, Quot sunt quotque fuere, Marce Tulli...

(Catullus)



Ab ovo usque ad mala

ovum, i n egg *malum, i n* apple

Deus ex machina

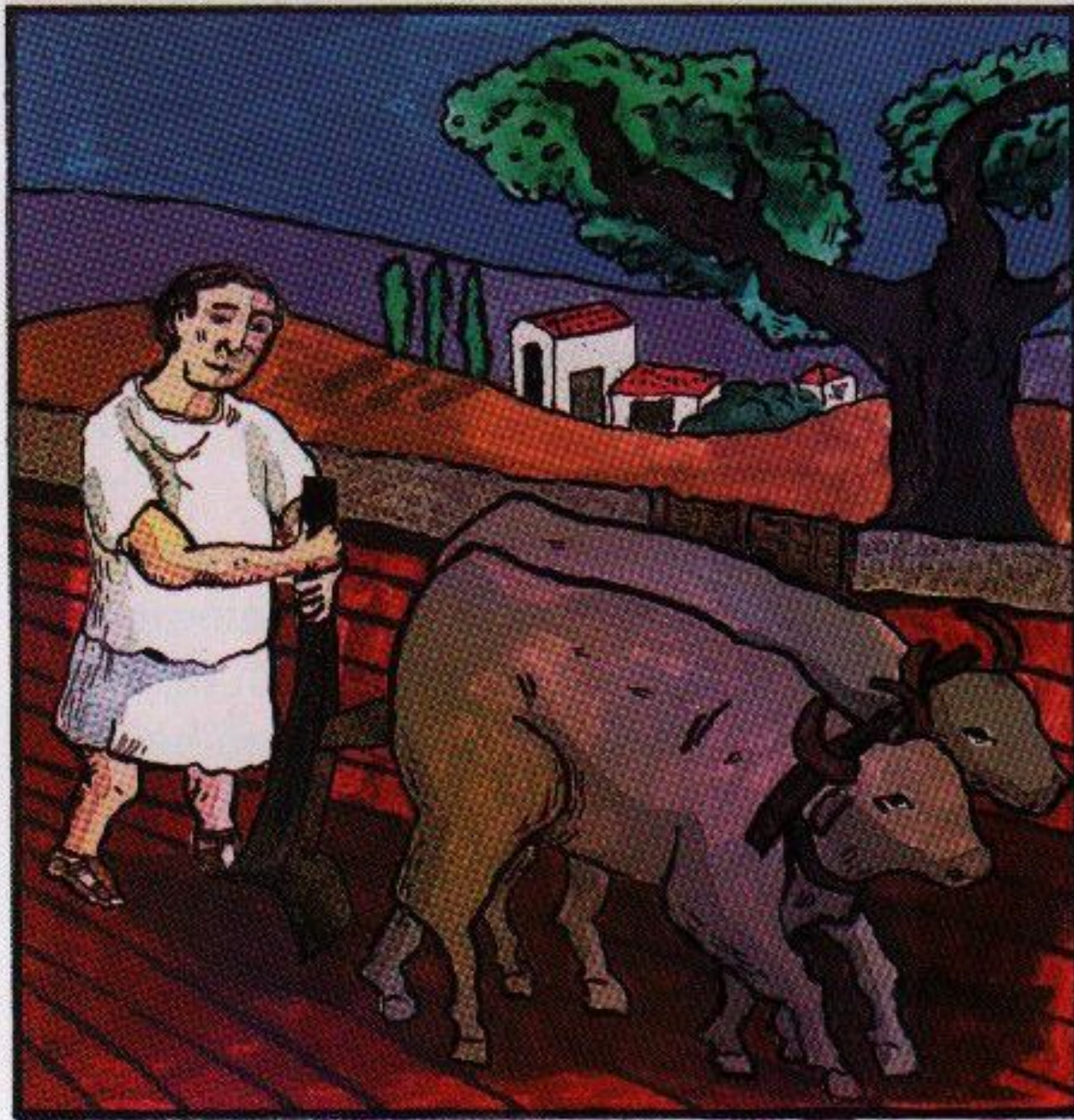




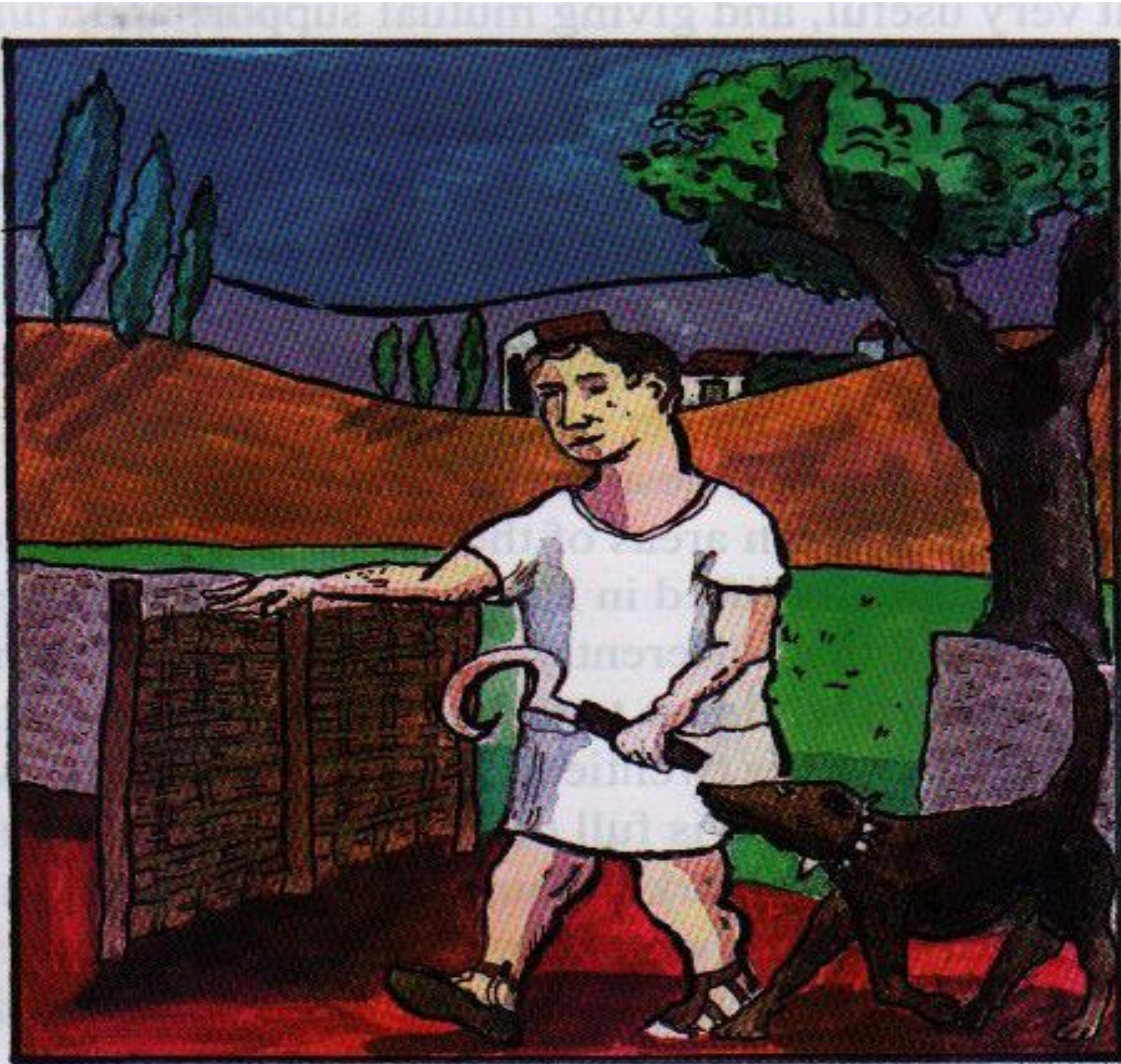
Per aspera ad astra

Aut cum scuto aut in scuto

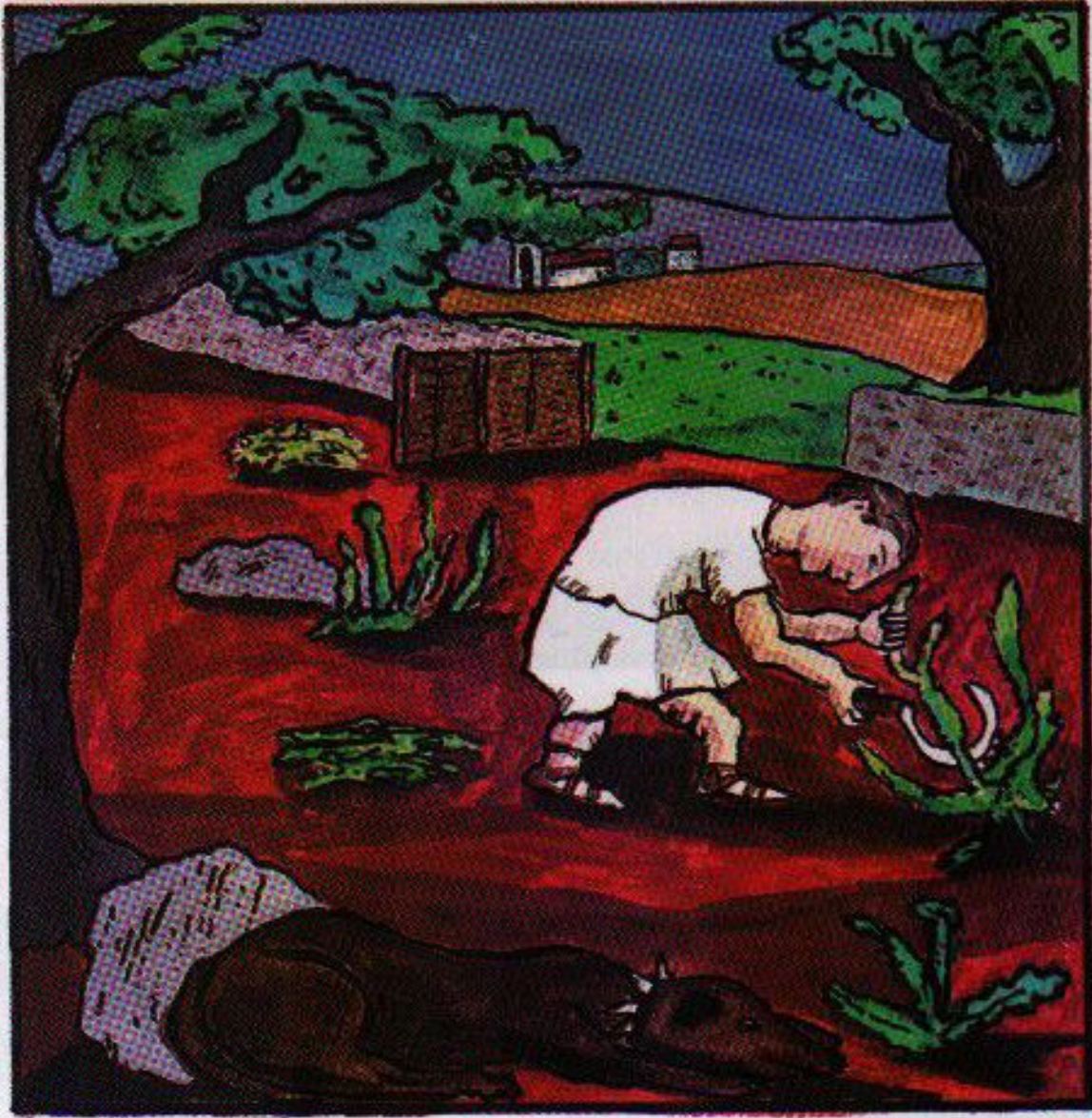




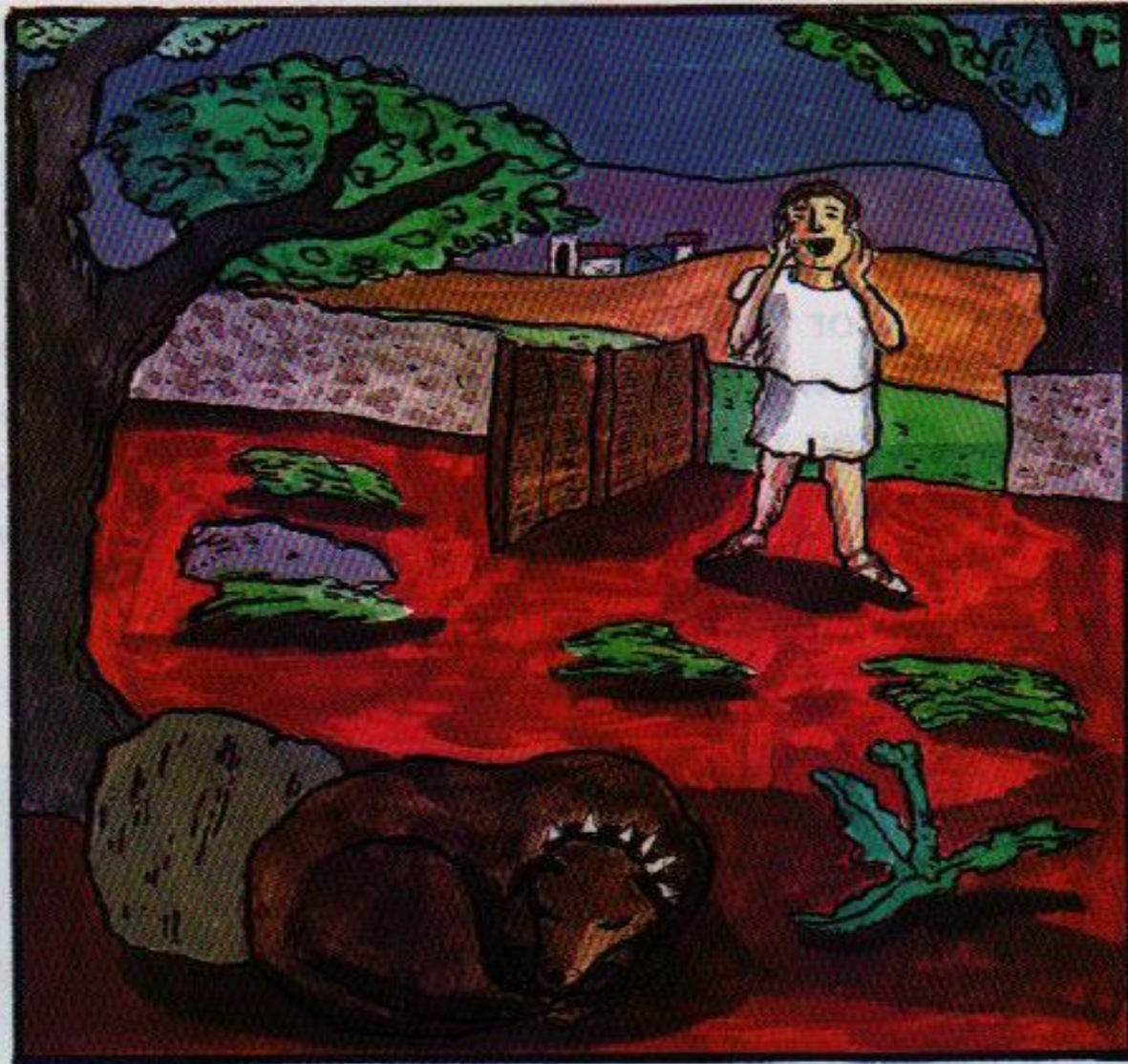
Flaccus est colōnus Rōmānus. in agrō labōrat.



Flaccus Argum in agrum dūcit.



Argus Flaccum nōn iuvat sed dormit.



Quīntus agrum intrat. puer Argum vocat sed
Argus nōn audit; nam dormit.

verbs

manet	he/she stays, waits
sedet	he/she sits
videt	he/she sees
ascendit	he/she climbs
cadit	he/she falls
currit	he/she runs
dūcit	he/she leads
inquit	he/she says
mittit	he/she sends
redit	he/she returns
audit	he/she hears

nouns

terra	earth, land
cibus	food
colōnus	farmer
filius	son
ager	field
puer	boy, child

pronoun

eum him, **eam** her (acc.)

preposition

ad to, towards

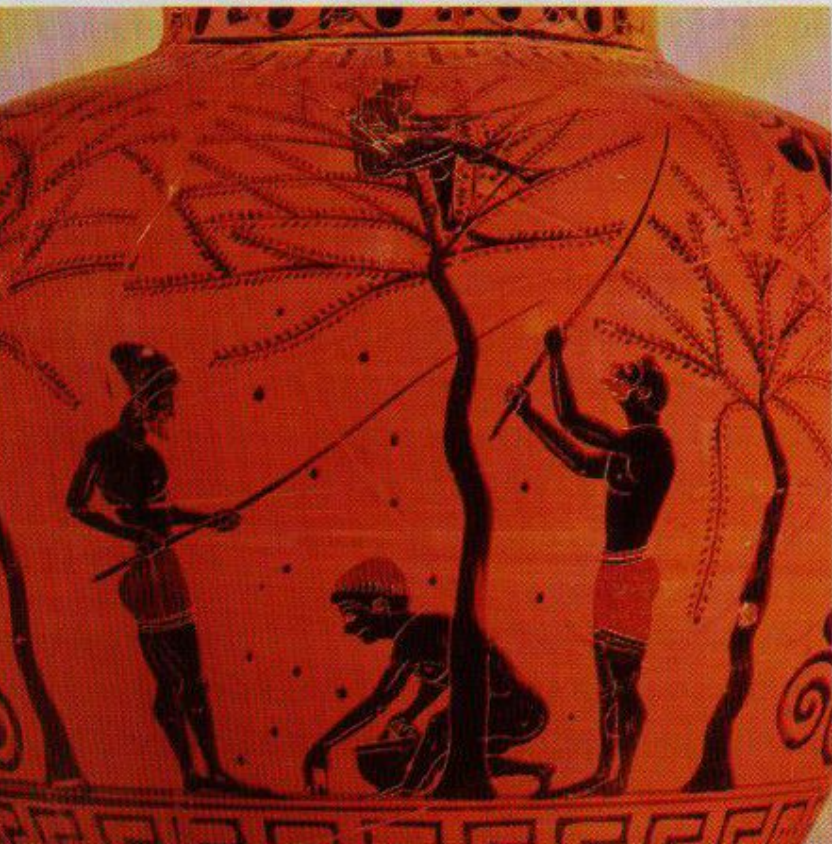
conjunction

nam for

adjective

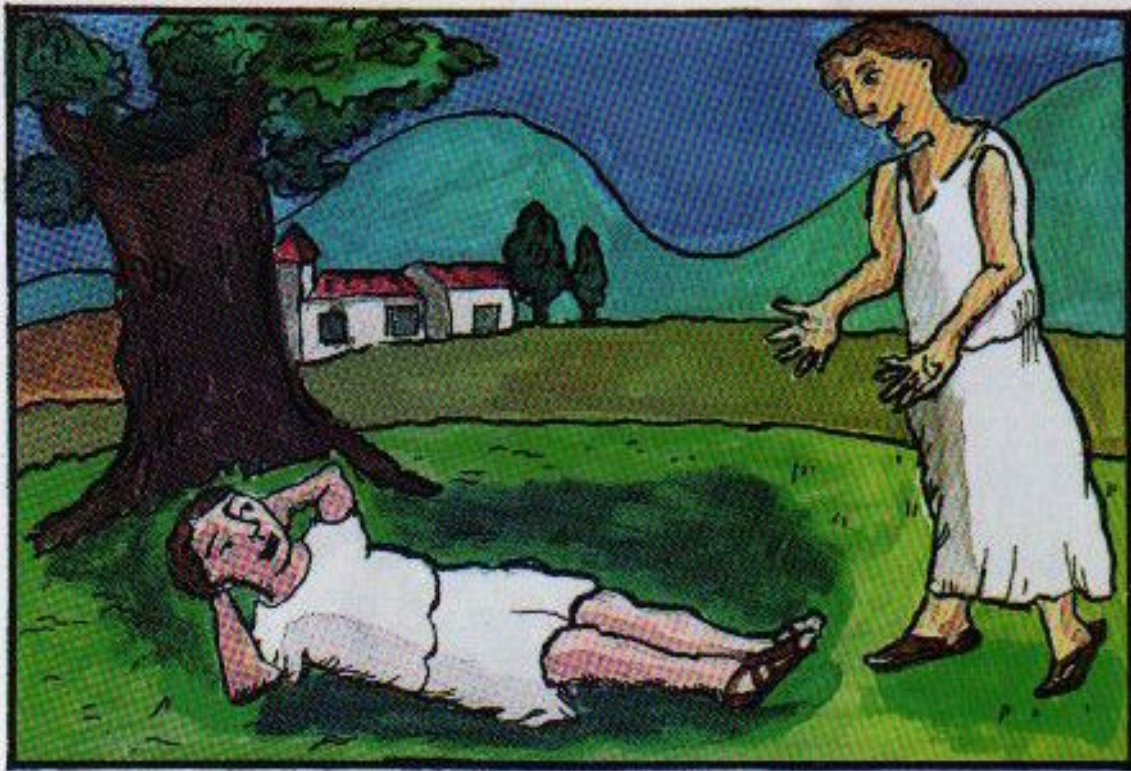
ānxius, -a, -um anxious

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Quīntus amīcum rogat: ‘cūr in agrō labōrās?’
amīcus respondet: ‘colōnum iuvō.’



Scintilla Quīntum rogat: 'cūr in terrā iacēs,
Quīnte?'
Quīntus respondet: 'in terrā iaceō, quod fessus
sum.'



Quīntus puellās rogat: ‘cūr in hortō sedētis,
puellae?’

puellae respondent: ‘in hortō sedēmus, quod
fessae sumus.’



Quīntus Scintillam rogat: 'quid facis?'
Scintilla respondet: 'cēnam parō.'



Horātia puerōs rogat: 'quid facitis, puerī?'
puerī respondent: 'ad lūdum festināmus.'