

BUILDING THE MEANING

Adverbs

You have seen a number of ways in which the meaning of simple Latin sentences can be expanded by the addition of modifiers. One commonly used modifier is the *adverb*. Adverbs can modify verbs (“She ran *quickly*”), adjectives (“She is *very* beautiful”), or other adverbs (“She ran *very quickly*”).

Latin adverbs are sometimes formed from adjectives by using the ending *-ē* or *-iter*:

Adjective

strēnuus, *active, energetic*

celer, *quick*

Adverb

strēnuē, *strenuously, hard*

celeriter, *quickly*

But you have met many adverbs that are not formed from adjectives and do not have these endings. See the lists below.

Adverbs often indicate the *time*, *place*, or *manner* of the action of the verb:

Time:

Marcus **adhūc** dormit.

Marcus is *still* sleeping.

Others:

crās, *tomorrow*

deinde, *then, next*

hodiē, *today*

iam, *now, already*

identidem, *again and again, repeatedly*

intereā, *meanwhile*

iterum, *again, a second time*

mox, *soon, presently*

nōndum, *not yet*

nōn iam, *no longer*

nunc, *now*

saepe, *often*

semper, *always*

simul, *together, at the same time*

statim, *immediately*

subitō, *suddenly*

tandem, *at last, at length*

tum, *at that moment, then*

ubi, *when*

Place:

“Quid tū **hīc**?” (9:8)

“What (are) you (doing) *here*?”

Others:

ibi, *there*

ubi, *where*

turn/tunc - then
olim - once (at some time in the past)
super - recently
sero - lately, late
inde - from that time
diu - for a long time
semel - once

Manner:

Sextus **celeriter** tunicam et togam induit. (8:9–10)

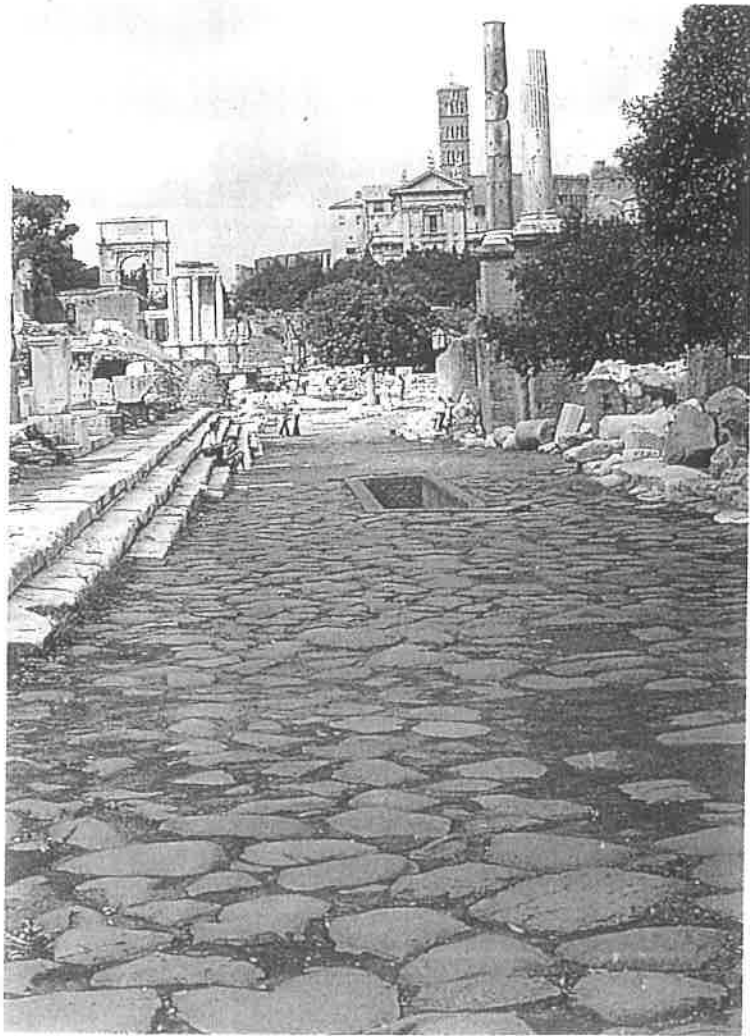
Sextus *quickly* puts on his tunic and toga.

Others:

etiam, *also, even*
ferōciter, *fiercely*
fūrtim, *stealthily*
Ita vērō! *Yes! Indeed!*
lentē, *slowly*
Minimē! *No! Not at all!*

necesse, *necessary*
nōn, *not*
quoque, *also*
strēnuē, *strenuously, hard*
tacitē, *silently*
tamen, *however, nevertheless*

In future vocabulary lists, adverbs will be identified with the abbreviation *adv.*, e.g., **lentē**, *adv., slowly*.



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still exist today.