

Types of Ablatives: Wheelock Chapters 1-20

Type	With Preposition?	Definition	Example	In Wheelock Chapter
Accompaniment	CUM	Answers the question <i>with whom?</i>	Id facit <i>cum amicis</i> : “He does it <i>with his friends</i> ”	14
Cardinal Numbers & <i>Quidam</i>	EX	Used with <i>quidam</i> & all cardinal numbers (except <i>milia</i>) to specify a number from a larger unit. This is essentially an <i>ablative of separation</i> .	Centum <i>ex viris</i> id faciunt: <i>100 men</i> [lit. = 100 from the men] are doing it.	15
Manner	CUM	Answers the question <i>how?</i> N.B. often expressed in English by an <i>adverb</i>	Id facit <i>cum celeritate</i> : “He does it <i>with quickness</i> [OR <i>quickly</i>]	14
Means or instrument	NO PREP.	Answers question <i>by means of what? By what?</i> Translate into English by including the English prepositions <i>by</i> , <i>by means of</i> , OR <i>with</i> . N.B. NEVER used with a person.	Id <i>stilo</i> facit “He does it <i>with a pencil</i> ”	14
Personal Agent	A or AB	Expresses the <i>agent by whom</i> the action of a <u>passive verb</u> is performed. N.B. Only used to refer to <u>persons</u> ; inanimate objects use the <i>ablative of means</i> .	Id <i>ab viro</i> dicitur: “It is said by the man”	18
Place From Which	AB, DE, or EX	Virtually always involves a <i>verb of active motion</i> from one place to another		20
Separation	NO PREP. (Usually)	Closely related to the <i>ablative of place from which</i> but implies only that separation exists not that active movement is occurring. Often used without a preposition, esp. with verbs “to free”, “to lack”, “to deprive”	<i>Eo</i> caret: “He lacked <i>it</i> .” <i>Eod timore</i> liberat: “He frees them <i>from fear</i> ”	20
Time	NO PREP.	Expresses time when or within which the action of the sentence occurred. Translate into English by including the English prepositions <i>at</i> , <i>in</i> , or <i>within</i> . N.B. does NOT refer to the duration of time that an action continues.	<i>hac aetate</i> id facit: “ <i>At this period of time</i> , he does it.”	15