



## READING VOCABULARY

**ā passere** (*ablative singular*) – by the sparrow

\***aestimō ūnīus assis** – I do not care a bit (**as, assis, m.** is the Latin word for a small copper coin)

\***aestimō, aestimāre, aestimāvī, aestimātum** – to regard, esteem

\***amor, amōris, m.** – love

**Catullus, Catullī, m.** – Catullus

\***dēliciae, dēliciārum, f. pl.** – delight, pet

\***digitus, digitī, m.** – finger

\***domina, dominae, f.** – mistress

\***gremium, gremiī, n.** – lap

\***invidēō, invidēre, invidī, invīsum + dative** – to envy someone

**lūdit** – plays

**mellitū, mellitā, mellitum** – sweet as honey

\***meus, mea, meum** – my

**mordeō, mordēre, momordī, morsum** – to bite

**nārrat sē passerem amāre** – tells that she loves the sparrow

**ō** (*interjection*) – oh!

\***oculus, oculī, m.** – eye

\***passer, passeris, m.** – sparrow

**passerī** (*dative singular*) – to the sparrow

**pīpiō, pīpiāre, —, —** – to chirp

**plūs quam** – more than

**putant puellam . . . dēbēre** – think that the girl should . . .

\***putō, putāre, putāvī, putātum** – to think, consider

\***sē** (*reflexive pronoun, accusative*) – she/he (*in an indirect statement*)

**senēs** (*nominative plural*) – old men

\***senex, senis, m.** – old man

**senum** (*genitive plural*) – of the old men

\***sevērus, sevēra, sevērum** – serious, strict, severe

\***verbum, verbī, n.** – word

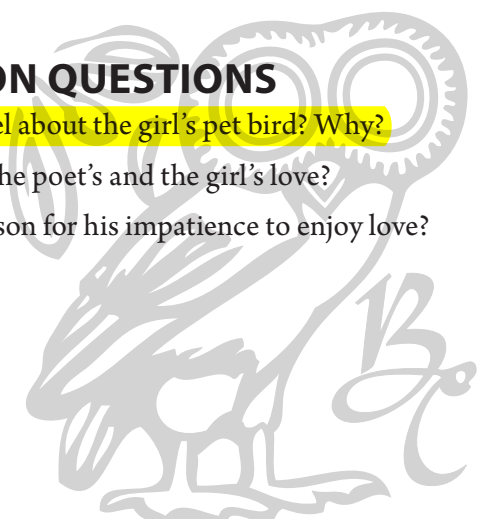
**videt passerem esse** – sees that the sparrow is

**vult** – wants

\*Words marked with an asterisk will be need to be memorized.

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the poet feel about the girl's pet bird? Why?
2. Who is in the way of the poet's and the girl's love?
3. What is the poet's reason for his impatience to enjoy love?



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