

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the main purpose of Demea's visit?
2. Is Ctesipho happy about his father's visit?
3. What is Syrus's attitude toward Demea?
4. What is the reason for Syrus's behavior toward Demea?
5. What makes Demea go away?



The town of Bosra in Syria was conquered by Trajan's armies in 106 CE. Built in the freestanding Roman style rather than built into a hillside in the Greek manner, the stage and part of the seating area are shown.

LANGUAGE FACT I

SECOND DECLENSION MASCULINE *-US* NOUNS

In Chapter 1 you learned the first declension, with its characteristic vowel *ā*. In the chapter reading passage above, there are several forms with the characteristic vowel *ō* or *u*: *animum*, *filium*, *filīōs*, *amīcō*, *amīcus*, *clīvō*, *rīvum*.

Nouns that end *-us* in the nominative singular and *-ī* in the genitive singular belong to the second declension. Most of the second declension nouns are masculine with a few feminine and neuter exceptions.

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