

CHAPTER

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First and Second Conjugation Verbs: Present Tense Passive, Present Passive Infinitive; Ablative of Agent; First and Second Declension *-er* Adjectives



The portrait of a couple on this wall painting from Pompeii is a reminder of Cicero's letters to his wife Terentia.

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"If you are well, it is well; I am well."

The Romans could send a letter as short as these seven letters, which stand for "*Si tū valēs, bene est; ego valeō.*"