



## READING VOCABULARY

\***ā** (*ab* before a vowel) + *ablative* – by, from

\***auxilium, auxiliī, n.** – help

**Cicero, m.** – Cicero

\***cōgitō, cōgitāre, cōgitāvī, cōgitātum** – to think

\***cōsilium, cōsilii, n.** – plan, advice

**contrā** + *accusative* – against

**darī dēbet** – has to be given

\***dē** + *ablative* – about, concerning, down from

\***doleō, dolēre, dolui,** ——— – to feel pain, to hurt

\***epistula, epistulae, f.** – letter

\***familia, familiae, f.** – family, household

**gaudiō** – with joy

\***gaudium, gaudiī, n.** – joy

\***lacrima, lacrimae, f.** – tear

**lacrimis** – with tears

**legō** – I read

\***longē** (*adv.*) – far

\***longus, longa, longum** – long

**mē** (*accusative*) – me

**meus, mea, meum** – my

**mihī** – to me

\***miser** – wretched, sad, miserable

\***nam** (*conj.*) – for, in fact

\***nōn solum . . . , sed etiam . . .** – not only . . . , but also . . .

**parantur** – are being prepared

\***parō** – to design (*you already know the meanings “to prepare, to get ready”*)

\***pulchram** (*accusative singular feminine*) – beautiful  
**salūtem plūrimam dicit** + *dat.* – s/he greets (*someone*) (*a standard formula for beginning a letter*).

*Literally it means “(s/he) says (i.e., wishes) very much health (the best of health) to . . .”*

\***semper** (*adv.*) – always

**sī** (*conj.*) – if

**sum** – I am

\***tamen** (*conj.*) – nevertheless

**tē** (*accusative and ablative*) – you

**tē ipsam** (*accusative*) – yourself

**Terentia, Terentiae, f.** – Terentia

**tuus, tua, tuum** – your

**valē!** – good-bye!

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Where is Cicero while writing the letter?
2. How many family members does Cicero mention in his letter and who are they?
3. What is Cicero afraid of?
4. How does Cicero feel (according to his own words), when he reads Terentia’s letter?
5. What does Cicero ask Terentia to do?

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