

## Dative Case in Latin

### 1. Indirect Object

Expectation: there must be a **direct object (acc.)** to have an **indirect object (dat.)**

common indirect object verbs:

dō, respondeō, dīcō, ferō, mōnstrō,  
trādō, nārrō, explicō, parō

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### Some Definitions

1. **subject**—doer of the action
2. **verb**—action
3. **direct object**—receiver of the action
4. **indirect object**—“*receiver of the direct object*” ©Mr. Abney

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**Cornēlius** *caupōnī* pecūniam dat.

Two Ways to Translate:

- a. **Cornelius** gives **the innkeeper** **money**.
- b. **Cornelius** gives **money** to the innkeeper.



How do we know *caupōnī* is the indirect object (besides the dative ending)? Because the innkeeper gets the money: **The indirect object receives the direct object.**

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### 2. Dative Verbs

some verbs take a **dative** instead of an accusative object

Expectation: if you see a **dative** verb, there will probably be a **dative** form, but there won't be a **direct object** in **accusative**.

these must simply be learned:

appropinquō, licet, appāreō

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Licetne *nōbīs* vigilāre, pater?

Iam *Cornēliī urbī* tandem  
appropinquābant.

The translation may or may not “sound”  
*dative*.

Is it allowed for us to stay up, father?  
Now the Corneliū were finally  
approaching the city.

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### 3. Adjectives with *Dative*

Expectation: there must be a  
*dative* idea of “to/for” with the  
adjective.

common adjectives with dative:  
necesse, amīcus (friendly)

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Necesse est *mihi* Rōmam redīre.

Translation will “sound” **dative**.

It is necessary for me to return to Rome.

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### 4. **Dative** of Possession

In certain circumstances **dative** is used in place of **genitive** to show possession, commonly in conjunction with a 3rd person form of *sum*, *esse*.

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Quid est nōmen *tibi*?

What is your name (the name for you)?

## Genitive with Certain Adjectives

Sextus est immemor *terrōris*.

Translation will “sound” *genitive*.

Sextus is mindless/forgetful of his terror.

also plēnus = full