

Why Use Participles?

- Which of the following sounds more natural to you?
 - Eucleides bought a book in the Forum and brought it home.
 - Eucleides brought home a book bought in the Forum.
- English tends to use 2 verbs.
- Eucleidēs librum in Forō **ēemptum** domum ferēbat.
- By contrast, Latin, given a choice, will use 1 verb + 1 participle.

- The verb is for the main idea being communicated.
- The participle is for the supplemental or circumstantial information.
- Eucleidēs librum in Forō **ēemptum** domum ferēbat.
- **MAIN:** Eucleides brought home a book.
- **CIRCUMSTANCES:** He had to have bought it first.
- Think of the verb as the cake and the participle as the icing on the cake.



