Chapter 6: The School of Flavius

Quintus slowly walks to the school and stops often, but Horatia goes forward quickly; she arrives first to the school and greets the girls who are staying near the door; she has a long conversation with Julia, a very pretty girl. Quintus sees his friend in the street, named Gaius; he calls to him. Gaius hurries to the school but when he hears Quintus, he stops and says, “What are you doing Quintus? You ought to hurry. You are coming late to school. I am hurrying.” Quintus responds, “We are not coming late Gaius.” He orders Gaius to stay. He is anxious but he stays. And so Quintus and Gaius slowly proceed to school.


For a long time the boys sit and listen to the master; for a long time the master shouts and teaches letters. The boys write letters on the tablets; the master looks at the tablets and corrects the letters.


For a long time the boys are working. At last Julia says, “We have been working hard, master. We are writing our letters well; we are tired. And so we ought to be sent to our homes.”


1) cur prior (first) ad ludum advenit Horatia?

2) ubi Quintus et Gaius adveniunt, cur iratus est magister?

3) cur dicit magister: “Decime, asinus es”?

4) quid respondet Decimus?