

## Nuntius ad castra Caesaris:

The following has four passages. The first is the indirect statement with a past tense head verb, written as prose. The second has each item of the IS in a bullet list. Practice reading these passages first. The third is the direct statement that the messenger actually said. The fourth is the same statement with a present tense head verb – I only put it there so you can see that the statements do not change either in Latin or in the actual tense of what the messenger said. Blue indicates a subject. Some of the accusatives of the indirect statement are spelled like the nominatives as they are 3<sup>rd</sup> declension plurals (hostes = nom. and hostes = acc.)

**(past tense head verb) nuntius ad castra cucurrit et Caesari dixit** hostes iam prope urbem esse; (hostes) moenia urbis mox oppugnaturum esse; omnes cives spem amississe; feminas maxime lacrimare; cives mox omnem cibum esurum esse; hostes liberos feminasque interfecturum esse; milites crudeles omnia in agros destruere; ducem eorum consilia contra Roman fecisse.

**nuntius ad castra cucurrit et Caesari dixit**

**a messenger ran to the camp and told Caesar that**

- **hostes** iam prope urbem esse; *the enemy was near the city;*
- **(hostes)** moenia urbis mox oppugnaturum esse; *the enemy were going to attack the city's walls;*
- **omnes cives** spem amississe; *all the citizens had lost hope;*
- **feminas** maxime lacrimare; *the women were crying a lot;*
- **cives** mox omnem cibum esuros esse; *soon the citizens would eat all the food (suppy)*
- **hostes** liberos feminasque interfecturos esse; *the enemy would kill the children and women;*
- **milites crudeles** omnia in agros destruere; *cruel soldiers were destroying everything in the fields;*
- **ducem** eorum consilia contra Roman fecisse. *their general had made a plan against Rome.*

**nuntius vere dixit: (direct statements)**

- **hostes** iam prope urbem sunt; *The enemy are near the city;*
- **(hostes)** moenia urbis mox oppugnabunt; *they will attack the city walls;*

- **omnes cives** spem amiserunt; *all the citizens have lost hope;*
- **feminae** maxime lacrimant; *the women are crying a lot;*
- **cives** mox omnem cibum edetur; *soon the citizens will eat all the food;*
- **hostes** liberos feminasque interficient; *the enemy will kill the children and women*
- **milites crudeles** omnia in agros destruent; *cruel soldiers are destroying the fields;*
- **dux** eorum consilia contra Roman fecit. *their general has made a plan against Rome.*

**present tense head verb:**

**nuntius ad castra cucurrit et Caesari **dicit****

(In English these are all the same as the direct statement above)

- **hostes** iam prope urbem esse;
- (**hostes**) moenia urbis mox oppugnaturum esse;
- **omnes cives** spem amississe;
- **feminas** maxime lacrimare;
- **cives** mox omnem cibum esuros esse;
- **hostes** liberos feminasque interfecturos esse;
- **milites crudeles** omnia in agros destruere;
- **ducem** eorum consilia contra Roman fecisse.