

## Ablative of Manner, Means and Instrument (p1/3)

### 1. Summary of Use

- 1.1. Allen and Greenough identify three major categories of case usage with the ablative: (1) the ablative proper, (2) the instrumental ablative and (3) the locative ablative
- 1.2. The **ablative of means, manner and instrument** are a collected heading under the (2) instrumental ablative
- 1.3. These uses of the ablative are part of what was once the **instrumental case**, so “no sharp line can be drawn between them, and indeed the Romans themselves can hardly have thought of any distinction” (AG 408)
  - 1.3.1. The ablative of **manner** is often distinguished by the use of **cum** as an initiating preposition

### 2. Ablative of Manner

- 2.1. Like the ablative of means and instrument, the ablative of manner qualifies a verb is usually paired with the conjunction **cum**
  - 2.1.1. He came with speed: **cum celeritāte vēnit.**
  - 2.1.2. She died with honor: **cum hōnōre periit.**
- 2.2. The ablative of manner may appear *without cum* where it is paired instead with a **limiting adjective**, though even here **cum** is not unheard of
  - 2.2.1. He came with the greatest speed: **summā celeritāte vēnit.**
  - 2.2.2. What does it matter how your compel me: **quid rēfert quā ratiōne mē cōgātis?**
  - 2.2.3. I will not say at how great a risk he did this: **nōn dīcam quantō cum periculō id faceret.**
- 2.3. **Cum** will also disappear with certain ‘stock uses’ of the ablative of manner, such as **modō, pactō, ratiōne, ritū, vī, viā, silentiō, iūre, and iniūriā**
  - 2.3.1. These have become, by frequent use, virtual adverbs
  - 2.3.2. He performed the deed according to ritual: **ritū actum fēcit.**
  - 2.3.3. They arrived on the Appian way: **viā Appiā vēnit.**
- 2.4. Latin poetry will also omit **cum**, as needed
  - 2.4.1. A mountain of water follos in a mass: **insequitur cumulō aquae mōns.**

Famous Phrase: **cum hōc, ergō propter hōc**

(with this, therefore because of this)

[logical fallacy linking correlation to causation]