



Ablatives and Accusatives of Place

1. With most nouns the following constructions with prepositions are used:

Ablative of Place Where

- Indicates the place where something is or where an action is being done.
- Uses the preposition "in" or "sub".
- Translated "in, on, or below the ablative".
- "Vir in urbe librum scribit." = "The man writes the book in the city."

Accusative of Place to Which

- Indicates the place to which someone or something is going.
- The preposition "ad" is used.
- Translated "to the accusative".
- "Vir ad oppidum it." = "The man goes to the town."

Ablative of Place from Which

- Indicates the place from which someone or something is going.
- With a verb indicating active motion from one place to another.
- Nearly always uses the preposition "a/ab", "de", or "e/ex".
- Translated "from the ablative".
- "Vir ab insula navigat." = "The man sails from the island."

2. With the names of cities, towns, and small islands and the three words "humus, -i (f.)", "rus, ruris (n.)", and "domus, i (f.)", the following constructions without prepositions are used:

Locative of Place Where

- The locative is identical to the genitive singular form for 1st and 2nd declension nouns and identical to the ablative for nouns of other declensions.
- Indicates the place where something is or where an action is being done.
- Uses no preposition.
- Translated "at the locative".
- "Vir Romae visus est." = "The man was seen at Rome."
- "Vir domi librum legit." = "The man read the book at home."
(The locatives for "humus" and "rus" are translated differently: "Vir humi est." = "The man is on the ground." - "Vir ruri/rure est." = "The man is in the country.")

Accusative of Place to Which

- Indicates the place to which someone or something is going.
- Uses no preposition.
- Translated "to the accusative".
- "Vir Romam it." = "The man goes to Rome."

Ablative of Place from Which

- Indicates the place from which someone or something is going.
- With a verb indicating active motion from one place to another.
- Uses no preposition.
- Translated "from the ablative".
- "Vir Roma navigat." = "The man sailed from Rome."