



WORDS TO HELP

ēheu! oh dear!

vīlla house

sordida dirty

hortus garden

squālidus messy

tunica dress

fessī tired

euge! hooray!

mīles soldier

Why do you think that Lepidina, Flavius and Flavia are worried about the Governor's visit? Remember that Marcellus is in charge of the whole of Britain.

Why are Candidus and Corinthus not pleased about it?

Why is Iulius excited about Marcellus's visit?

And why is the visit good for Minimus? And Vibrissa?



GRASP THE GRAMMAR

In chapter 1 you learnt that a **noun** is a naming word for a person, a place or a thing. Our writing becomes much more interesting when we *describe* the nouns. The words we use to describe nouns are called **adjectives**.

The word "desk" is a **noun**, because it's a thing. You might describe it with an **adjective** like "new", "old", "wooden", "scratched", "big" or "rectangular".

Nouns which end in **-a** are called feminine nouns (like **vīlla**, **tunica** and the name, **Flāvia**). Nouns which end in **-us** are called masculine nouns (like **hortus** and the name, **Flāvius**).

1 Have another look at the picture story.

Lepidina describes the house as "dirty": **vīlla sordida**.

Flavius describes the garden as "messy": **hortus squālidus**.

Can you see that the ending of the adjective matches the ending of the noun?



Look at picture 3. Which Latin **noun** means "dress"? Which **adjective** describes it? Are these words masculine or feminine?