

Latin Tongue Twisters



Si procul a Proculo Proculi campana fuisset

Nunc procul a Proculo Proculus ipse foret.

If the bell of Proculus was far from Proculus, then Proculus would be far from Proculus.

Inscription on S. Proculo in Bologna AD 1393

Cane decane, canis? Sed ne cane, cane decane, de cane; de canis, cane decane, cane.

Do you sing, o white-haired old man? But please don't sing about your dog, o venerable old man; Sing about your old age.

Te tero Roma manu nuda date tela latete.

I'll crush you Rome with my bare hands! Hand over your spears and hide!

Hannibal

Quamvis sint sub aqua, sub aqua maledicere temptant.

Although under water they (the frogs) try to curse.

Ovid

O Tite tute Tati tibi tanta tyranne tulisti!

O thou tyrant, Titus Tatus, such great things you brought upon yourself!

Ennius

Sator arepo tenet opera rotas.

The sowman Arepo barely can hold the wheels.

A palindrom and a magic square, which was frequently found as graffito in ancient Rome.

S A T O R
A R E P O
T E N E T
O P E R A
R O T A S

:: Labyrinth of St. Bernard ::

The table below is a sample of a verbal labyrinth which consists in forming 5 maxims by selecting words in a proper order. You can solve this puzzle by starting with the word at the foot of the left-hand column, then the first maxim will be: **NOLI DICERE OMNIA QUAE SCIS QUIA QUI DICIT OMNIA QUAE SCIT SAEPE AUDIT QUOD NON VULT..**

DICERE	SCIS	DICIT	SCIT	AUDIT	NON VULT
FACERE	POTES	FACIT	POTEST	INCURRIT	NON CREDIT
CREDERE	AUDIS	CREDIT	AUDIT	CREDIT	NON EST
DARE	HABES	DAT	HABET	MISERE QUAERIT	NON HABET
JUDICARE	VIDET	JUDICAT	VIDES	CONTEMNIT	NON DEBET
NOLI	OMNIA QUAE	QUIA QUI	OMNIA QUAE	SAEPE	QUOD