

Grammar: the accusative with certain prepositions

The accusative will regularly be found associated with the following prepositions:

ad	to
ante	before
apud	among, at the house of
circum	around
contra	against
extra	outside
in	into
inter	between
intra	within
per	through
post	after
praeter	beyond
prope	near
propter	on account of
super	above
sub	under
trans	across
ultra	beyond

The three prepositions *in*, *sub*, *super* can also take the ablative. When they are found with the accusative, they denote motion *towards*, *around*, or *beyond*.

I walk in the garden in Latin would be: *in horto ambulo* but I walk into the garden in Latin would be: *in hortum ambulo*.

For other uses of the accusative, see *Uses of the accusative*.

Examples from the exercises

Identify the preposition and accusative in each sentence. Translate.

The number after each question indicates the exercise from which it has been drawn, so that you can look at the example in context.

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| 1. duorum pedum in latitudinem amplectitur. | <i>Exercise 10</i> |
| 2. haec poena apud eos est gravissima. | <i>Exercise 11</i> |
| 3. et ne nos inducas in tentationem. | <i>Exercise 2</i> |
| 4. crescit in dies singulos hostium numerus. | <i>Exercise 7</i> |
| 5. per auras crescendo. | <i>Exercise 9</i> |

Further examples drawn from Cicero

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| 1. sed me ipse consolabar existimans non longinquum inter nos digressum et
discessum fore | <i>De senectute XXXIII .84</i> |
| 2. Multas ad res peritiles Xenophontis libri sunt. | <i>De senectute XVII.59</i> |
| 3. Sed venio ad agricolas, ... | <i>De senectute XVI.56</i> |
| 4. censorque ante superiorem consulatum fuisset | <i>De senectute V.16</i> |
| 5. Atque haec ille egit septimo decimo anno post alterum consulatum ... | <i>De senectute V.16</i> |
| 6. cum apud regem Pyrrhum legatus esset ... | <i>De senectute XIII.63</i> |
| 7. ...tamquam contra morbum sic contra senectutem ... | <i>De senectute IV.35</i> |
| 8. ... qui amisso oppido fugerat in arcem. | <i>De senectute IV.11</i> |
| 9. ad Capuam profectus sum. | <i>De senectute IV.10</i> |
| 10. Sed redeo ad me. | <i>De senectute X.31</i> |