

Grammar: Correlatives

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Certain adverbs and conjunctions, in comparison or antithesis, require the use of corresponding adverbs and conjunctions. Such corresponding words are called correlatives. The following are the principle ones in use in English:

as ...as

not merely ... but also

as ... so

not merely ... but even

both ... and

so ... as

if ... then

so ... that

either ... or

such ... as

neither ... nor

such ... that

not only ... but

though ... yet

not only ... but also

when ... then

not only ... but even

where ... there

not merely ... but

whether ... or

In Latin such phrases are usually clear to spot through the patterns they form:

	Demonstrative	Relative	Interrogative	Indefinite	Indefinite Relative
marker	t-	qu- / c-	qu-	aliqu-	doubled / -cumque
-antus	tantus: so much, great	quantus: as much, great	quantus?: how much, great?	aliquantus: some	quantuscumque: however much, great
-alis	talis: such, of such a kind	qualis: as	qualis?: of what kind?		qualiscumque: of some sort
-um	tum: then	cum: when	quando?: when?	aliquando: sometimes	quandocumque: whenever
-ot	tot: so many	quot: as many	quot?: how many?	aliquot: some	quotquot: however many
-otiens	totiens: so often	quotiens: as often	quotiens?: how often?	aliquotiens: sometimes	quotienscumque: however often

Other useful vocabulary:

ita	thus, in such a way
sic	thus
adeo	thus

Examples drawn from Cicero

1. Sic etiam hoc non solum ingeni ac litterarum, verum etiam naturae atque virtutis, ut domus, quae huius adulescentiae prima fuit, eadem esset familiarissima senectuti.
Pro Archia 5
2. At eis laudibus certe non solum ipse qui laudatur, sed etiam populi Romani nomen ornatur.
Pro Archia 22
3. Qua re quis tandem me reprehendat, aut quis mihi iure suscenseat, si, quantum ceteris ad suas res obeundas, quantum ad festos dies ludorum celebrandos, quantum ad alias voluptates et ad ipsam requiem animi et corporis conceditur temporum, quantum alii tribuunt tempestivis conviviis, quantum denique alveolo, quantum pilae, tantum mihi egomet ad haec studia recolenda sumpsero?
Pro Archia 13

4. Quae vero adcurate cogitateque scripsisset, ea sic vidi probari, ut ad veterum scriptorum laudem perveniret. *Pro Archia 18*
5. Ex quo profecto intellegis quanta in dato beneficio sit laus, cum in accepto sit tanta gloria. *Pro Marcello I.3*