

# Dr. Seuss's Review of Latin Grammar

## How to use *Cattus Petasatus for Grammar Review*

1. The teacher reads the selected pages aloud and the students follow on a transparency or book. When the grammatical item for review is read, the teacher or a selected student circles that word on the transparency with a colored marker. A typical classroom discussion follows, i.e. what grammatical form is the circled word, what tense or case is it, how does it translate, etc.
2. The students take turns reading the selected pages aloud and the teacher or a designated student marks the chosen grammatical item on the transparency. A typical classroom discussion follows.

3. The teacher or the students in turn read aloud from the selected pages. Certain students are designated to say loudly the grammatical name of the form when it is read aloud. A typical classroom discussion follows.

4. In groups the students write down on paper and translate all the chosen grammatical items they can find. A typical classroom discussion follows.

*N.B. These techniques for reviewing Latin grammar can also be used with any other children's books in Latin: The Giving Tree; Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus; How the Grinch Stole Christmas; Shock-Headed Peter; and the forthcoming Green Eggs and Ham.*

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## Grammar Topics in *Cattus Petasatus*

<b>Present &amp; Future Active (Indicative): at least 11 uses each</b>	
e.g. p.12 surgit	p.7 dabo
	p.29 discetis
<b>Perfect Active Indicative: at least 17 uses</b>	
e.g. p.11 negavit	p.25 fecisti
	p.50 audiui
<b>Present Active Infinitives &amp; Imperatives: at least 9 uses each</b>	
e.g. p.60 narrare	p.16 laudate
	p.25 vide
<b>Ablatives (means, place where, manner, agent): at least 9 uses each</b>	
e.g. p.14 manu	p.31 in cista
	p.53 a vobis
<b>Present (Active) &amp; Perfect (Passive) Participles: at least 12 each</b>	
e.g. p.6 intransum	p.22 gemens
	p.42 vincita
<b>Future Active &amp; Passive Participles: at least 3 uses each</b>	
e.g. p.55 reversuram	p.50 captaturus
	p.57 lamentandi
<b>Ablatives Absolute &amp; Passive Periphrastics: at least 7 each</b>	
e.g. p.12 duce catto	p.54 unco fixo
	p.25 manendum est
<b>Volitive Subjunctives: at least 8 examples</b>	
e.g. p.39 absit clades	p.31 spectemus
	p.16 addatur

