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The vocabulary and paradigms, it should be noted, are carefully enunciated at something less than a conversational pace, for easy intelligibility; in the early chapters a pause follows each word sufficient to allow the listener to repeat the word. The sentences and reading passages, on the other hand, are all read at conversational pace, or even at an animated pace, depending on subject and context. The introductory lecture includes a brief discussion of elision, a sort of "contraction" involving final and initial syllables that was very common in spoken Latin; after the first few chapters, in which each word is fully pronounced, elision is gradually introduced.

Mark Miner's readings and recitations are careful and precise, his dramatic performances are variously witty, humorous, somber, impassioned, even fiery; both of us hope that students and teachers alike will find the recording an enriching and indispensable complement to the Wheelock text and to their study of what my students hear me constantly and affectionately call "The Mother Tongue."

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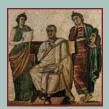
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