

ROMAN RESEARCHERS



CASE #2

This Latin inscription is a warning sign that Romans placed at the entrance of their homes, made of small black-and-white tiles set into the floor. It shows a picture of a chained dog along with a warning. Signs like this have been found at the doorways of several Roman houses in Pompeii, always paired with an image of the animal being warned about.

Your task is to transcribe the Latin text and translate it into English. A full transcription and translation are provided at the end for comparison. Afterwards, design your own Roman-style mosaic warning sign for a different animal, and write your warning in Latin, for example, "Beware of the cats" (cave fēlēs) or "Beware of the duck" (cave anatem).

WATCH OUT!

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CANEM	THE DOG
CAVE	BEWARE

1: INSCRIPTION

2: YOUR TRANSCRIPTION

3: YOUR TRANSLATION

4: GLOSSARY

TRANSLATION

Beware of the dog

MAKE YOUR OWN ANIMAL WARNING SIGN IN LATIN!

fēlem/fēlēs	CAT/CATS
ursum/ursōs	BEAR/BEARS
avem/avēs	BIRD/BIRDS
piscem/piscēs	FISH/FISH (PL.)

leōnem/leōnēs	LION/LIONS
tīgrim/tīgrēs	TIGER/TIGERS
equum/equōs	HORSE/HORSES
suem/sues	PIG/PIGS

gallinam/gallinās	CHICKEN/ CHICKENS
anatem/anatēs	DUCK/DUCKS
capram/caprās	GOAT/GOATS
mūrem/mūrēs	MOUSE/MICE