

A Clever Device for Fixing the Meaning of Words

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At first I did not know *primo* and *almost* despaired of *paene*; *but* I knew *sed*; and *while* I was studying *dum*, I *suddenly* recognized *subito* and *immediately statim* became familiar.

At that time tum seemed hard and I wrestled *in vain* with *frustra*, but I *already* knew *iam* and *even etiam*; and I *soon* acquired *mox*.

I *never* recognize *numquam* and *formerly* I found *quondam* difficult while *for a long time diu* puzzled me, and I studied *nequiquam to no purpose*, but I have *always* known *semper* and *now* I am sure of *nunc*; I can, *therefore*, conquer *igitur*.

I am *not yet* familiar with *nondum*; I know *tamen, however; moreover autem* is an old friend, while *tam* is *so* simple *that ut* will be easy.

I hope to learn *simul* at *the same time for* I do know *nam* and have *often* met *saepe*.

Thus I was learning *sic* and had *scarcely* made sure of *vix*, when *once upon a time* I found I knew *olim*; *then* I learned *inde, then deinde*, and *finally* I shall master *denique*.

Meanwhile I am struggling with *interea*, and *as soon as* I learn *simul atque* I shall *at length* know *tandem*, and *perhaps forsitan*.

Afterwards I mean to learn *postea*, and when I have met *iterum* a *second time* I hope to know *quoque also*.