Week 2 — Progress Report: Playing with Syntax & Sentence Building(github)

LatinAlive Weekly Progress Report

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1. Goals for This Week

- Help students internalize SVO order and case roles (accusative object, ablative place where).
- Provide instant, AI-assisted feedback on sentence formation.
- Pilot a lightweight game format that can scale in Weeks 3–4.

2. Tasks Completed

- Built a **Streamlit mini-app** with:
 - Unscramble game: students click tokens to form a sentence; app checks correctness and shows a morphology table.
 - o Grammar MCQs: case/agreement questions with explanations.
- Authored a **3-exercise dataset** (scenes, target sentences, tokens, translations, MCQs).

3. Tools & Methods Used

- NLP: Stanza (Latin pipeline: tokenize, POS, lemma) for morphological readouts.
- Frontend: Streamlit for rapid interactive UI.
- Content authoring: JSON dataset (Week2/data/exercises.json).
- Version control: GitHub repo updates with Week 2 folders and scripts.

4. Challenges & Solutions

- Token ordering acceptance: students may form acceptable variants.
 - Solution: For Week 2 MVP, enforce an exact target match; note alternatives for Week 3 by allowing multiple acceptable sequences.
- Parser disagreements in features:
 - Solution: Kept feedback explanatory and cross-checked key cases manually during content creation.

5. Next Week's Plan

- Add literary micro-adaptations (Week 3) and support multiple correct orders.
- Introduce **audio** (pronunciation) via TTS for key sentences.
- Expand dataset to 8–10 exercises with varied prepositional usage.

6. Links / Artifacts

- App entry point: Week2/scripts/game app.py
- Dataset: Week2/data/exercises.json
- Teacher notes: Week2/docs/teacher notes.md