

Ablative Absolutes *(abbr AA)*

Used to express the relationship between two events

Form by using a **noun** in the **ablative** PLUS a **participle** in the **ablative**

Type 1 with a PPP

One event comes after another event:

Urbe capta, milites captivos necaverunt (PPP AA)

With the city having been captured, the soldiers killed the captives

As usual with the PPP, we can translate it in multiple ways:

- ✓ *With the city having been captured ...*
- ✓ *After the city had been captured ...*
- ✓ *With the city captured ...*

Event one, event two

Type 2 with a Present Participle

Events happen at the same time

Ancilla lacrimanta, dominus epistulam scripsi

With the slavegirl crying, the master wrote a letter

You can write it however you want, **as long as it is clear that the events are happening simultaneously**

- ✓ *With the slavegirl crying ...*
- ✓ *While the slavegirl is crying ...*
- ✓ *As the slavegirl is crying ...*

Event one, event two

Additional, Important notes

Often, the noun & the participle will have the same endings, and will be comma-d off at the beginning of the sentence

Domino necato, servi discesserunt

With the master having been killed, the slaves departed

BUT occasionally, the noun and the participle are separated by an adverb or adjective

Ancillis tandem vanditis

With the slavegirls having been told