**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 lacrima****nt****a, 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*