

WEEK

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Do You Know the Legend of Romulus and Remus?



1. leave, desert
2. deal, buy and sell
3. establish, begin, form
4. reign, control
5. middle, center
6. nurture, tend



04 Work in pairs. Take turns asking and answering the following questions.

- Why do you think Romulus killed Remus?
- The text said this was a legend. Why did people of ancient civilizations create and pass on these legends?
- Do you think people nowadays would accept legends as if they were true?



05 Read the following sentences, and circle the verbs in past continuous that you find.

1. Rhea Silvia was conceiving Romulus and Remus, sons of the god Mars. At the same time, King Amulius was ordering their execution.
2. When the babies were thrown into the river Tiber, a wolf rescued them and fed them with her own milk.
3. As Romulus and Remus were growing up, they were raised as shepherds.
4. They were having problems deciding about the name and location of the city.

07 In your own words, write a short paragraph describing the location and history of Ancient Rome. You can include some of the statements on this page. Use as many sentences in the Past Continuous as you can.



HEALTH

Medicine in ancient Rome was highly influenced by Greek medicine. In early civilization, it was based on herbs, charms, chants, and prayers. A correct diet was vital for a healthy living. Food was thought to prevent, heal, or cause disease.

When the Roman Empire started to expand, they began doing basic surgery and using tools. Overall, they really believed in preventing diseases through a healthy diet. They also claimed that "opposites" could heal many symptoms.

How will we prevent diseases in the future if food supplies are running short?

06 Complete the following sentences with the verbs given in the Past Continuous.

begin

build

grow

start

1. When Roman culture _____, Greek culture was already twenty years old.
2. Rome _____ its temples when Egypt's pyramids were already 2,000 years old.
3. As Ancient Rome thrived by the river Tiber, Greece _____ by the Mediterranean Sea.
4. While Ancient Greece based its economy on metalwork and pottery, Rome _____ to base its economy on trading.

08 Work in groups of three. Discuss the following questions and agree on a common answer.

- › How would you describe the legend of the founding of Rome to a friend?
- › Where was Rome founded?
- › Do you think Rome was really founded like the legend says?
- › How do you think Rome could have been founded?