

A Latin Oration for Lila R. Gleitman (11/2009)
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Lilae illae admiranda divisa sunt in partes tres.

Primum,
Cogitat perspicue subtiliterque,
ergo
scribit acute eleganterque.

Deinde,
investigavit maximas questiones linguae cognitionis,
coniectavit ingeniosissimas rationes ad questiones explicandas, et
repperit firmissimas res.

Dico igitur: Lila illa
Praedixit, perfecit, persuasit.

Postremo, me docuit subtilissima de rebus plurimis
inter alia, de lingua, de caseo, de pallarete, et de floribus.

Dico, igitur:
Mulier summi ingeni variisque studiis Lila est.

Translated into the Vulgate:

What I admire about Lila is divided into 3 parts

1. She *thinks* clearly and incisively; therefore, she *writes* elegantly and insightfully
2. She has tackled the most central Qs of language acquisition, devised the most ingenious ways of investigating them, and made the most convincing discoveries . . .
She predicted, She performed, She persuaded
3. She has taught me about the finer points of topics in many domains including language, cheese, tennis, and flowers . . .
In one woman, many specialties