

A cartoon illustration of a Roman recruit soldier standing on a cobblestone path. He is wearing a silver helmet, a red tunic with a silver breastplate, and a red skirt. He holds a long spear in his right hand and a large red shield with a yellow lightning bolt and wings in his left. The background shows a Roman building with columns and a stone wall.

# Roman Recruit

Interactive PowerPoint





Antonius has just enlisted with the Roman army. He has arrived at his new barracks where he will eat, sleep and train.

Can you help Antonius to collect the armour and weapons he will need to become a Roman soldier?

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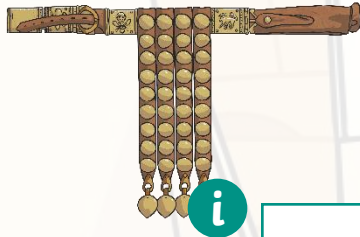


## Instructions

Click on Antonius to find out what he needs.

Click on the **i** symbol to find out more about each item. Read the information carefully, as Antonius will be asked questions about his armour at his first training session and you will need to help him.

Choose the correct item to give to Antonius by clicking on it.



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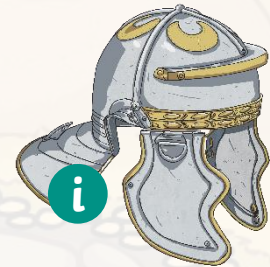
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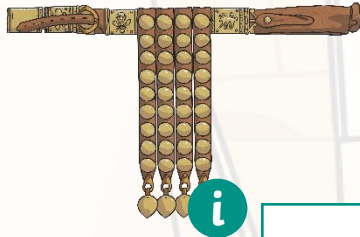
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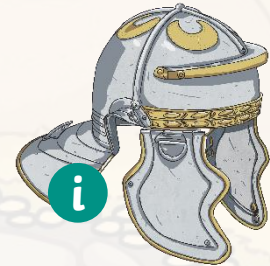
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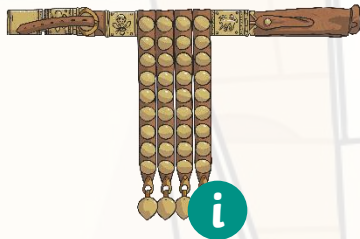


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I heard about some soldiers killed by flying arrows. What could I have to stop that happening?

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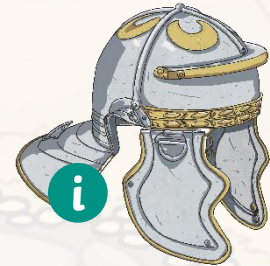
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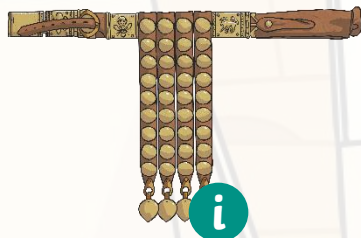
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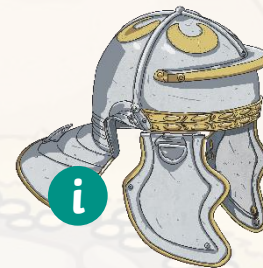
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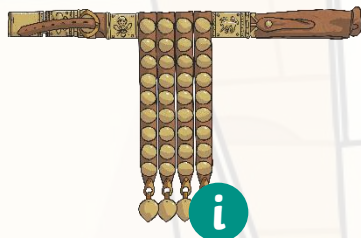
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I wonder how I will keep safe in battle. What might protect me?

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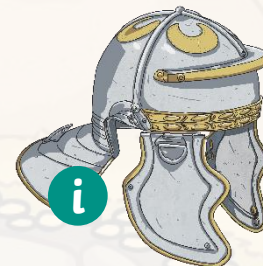
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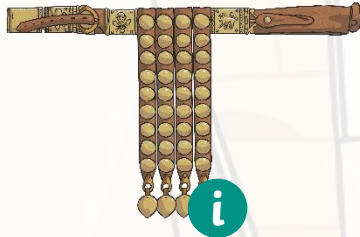
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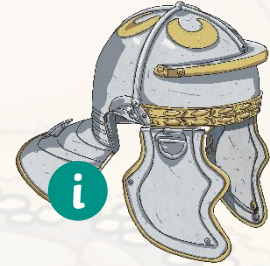
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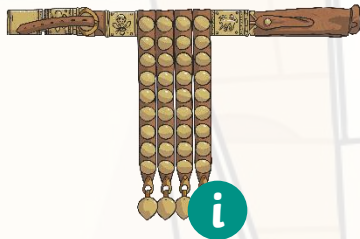
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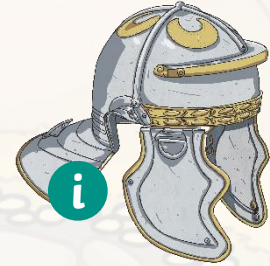
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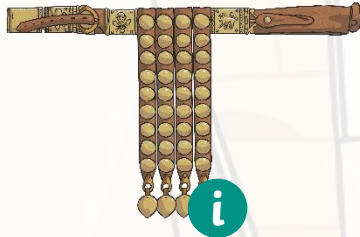
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If we have to march to battle how will I take all my things with me?

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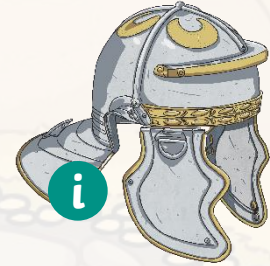
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Well done, you have helped Antonius get ready for his first training session!

His commander is going to ask him some questions about his armour and weapons. Can you help Antonius to get full marks?

**Continue**

**Play Again**





This is Septimus.

He is a centurion and is in charge of Antonius.

He has some questions to ask him.  
Click on Septimus to read the questions.

Try to get them right or Septimus will not be pleased with Antonius.

**Play**



Why do you need iron nails on your sandals, Antonius?

**A**

So that I can kick the enemy in battle.

**B**

To make my sandals last longer.

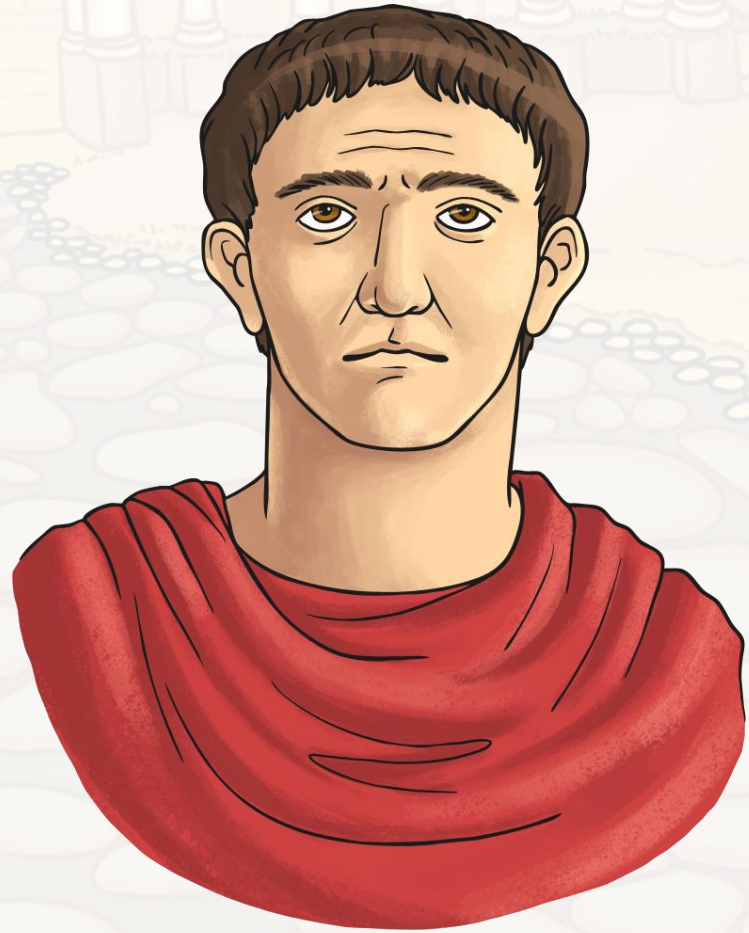
**C**

That is the way they are made in the shop.



**Oh dear!**

**That's not quite right.  
Try again.**



**Back**

**Well done!**



**Next**





Why is the Roman shield rectangular?

**A**

It is much easier to make a shield in that shape.

**B**

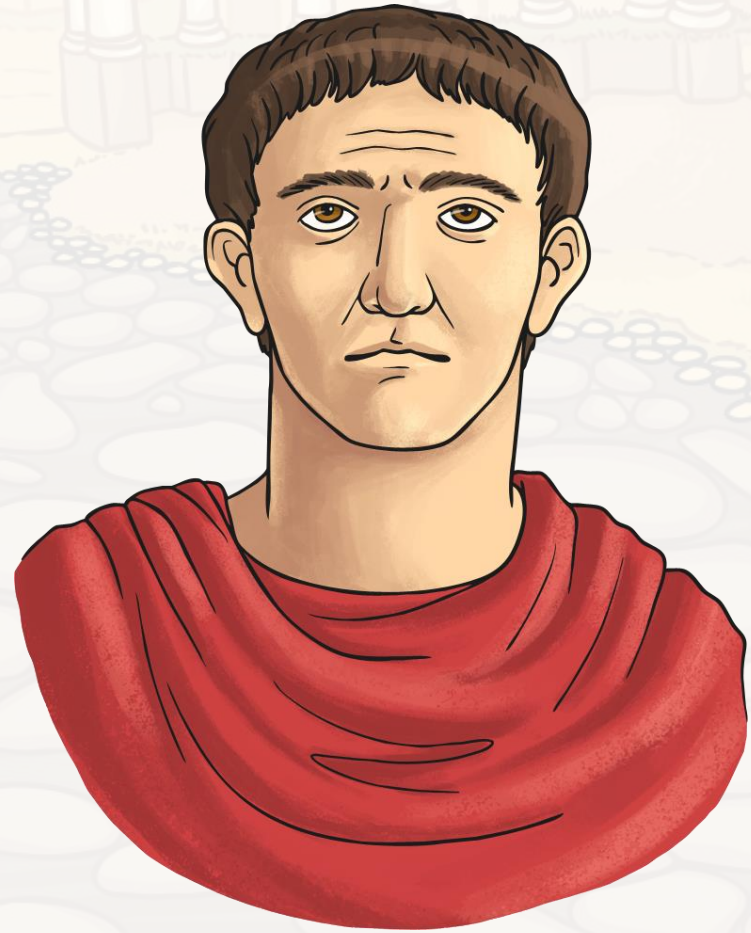
It looks nicer than a round one.

**C**

It can be easily joined together with other shields.

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**That's not quite right.  
Try again.**



**Back**



**Well done!**



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Why does the belt have metal hanging from it?

**A**

To stop the wind blowing up our tunics.

**B**

To make a noise when we march into battle which will scare our enemies.

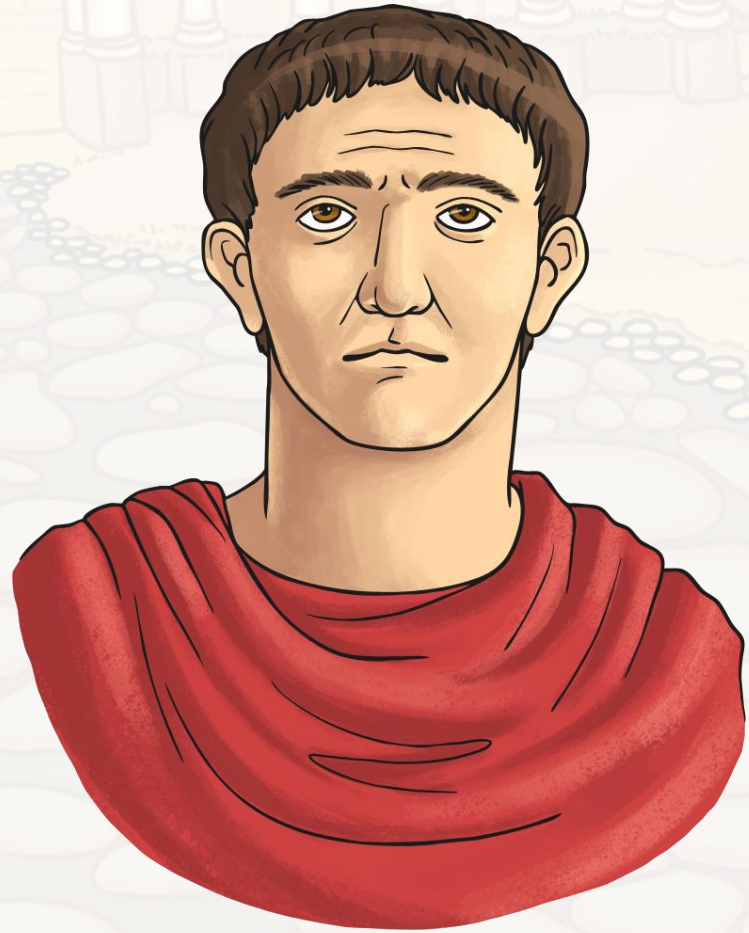
**C**

It is more fashionable like that.



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Antonius, how much does your backpack weigh?

**A**

About 30kg.

**B**

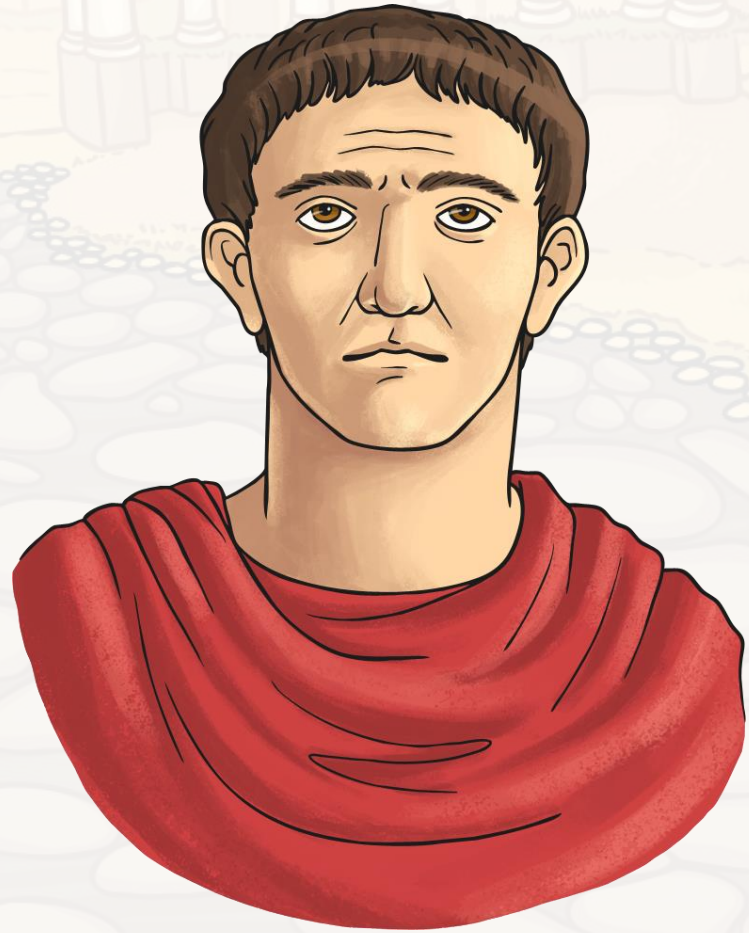
About 3kg.

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About 300kg.

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**Back**



**Well done!**



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Why is the handle of your javelin so flexible?

**A**

It makes it good for stabbing and slashing.

**B**

It is easy to fold away in my backpack.

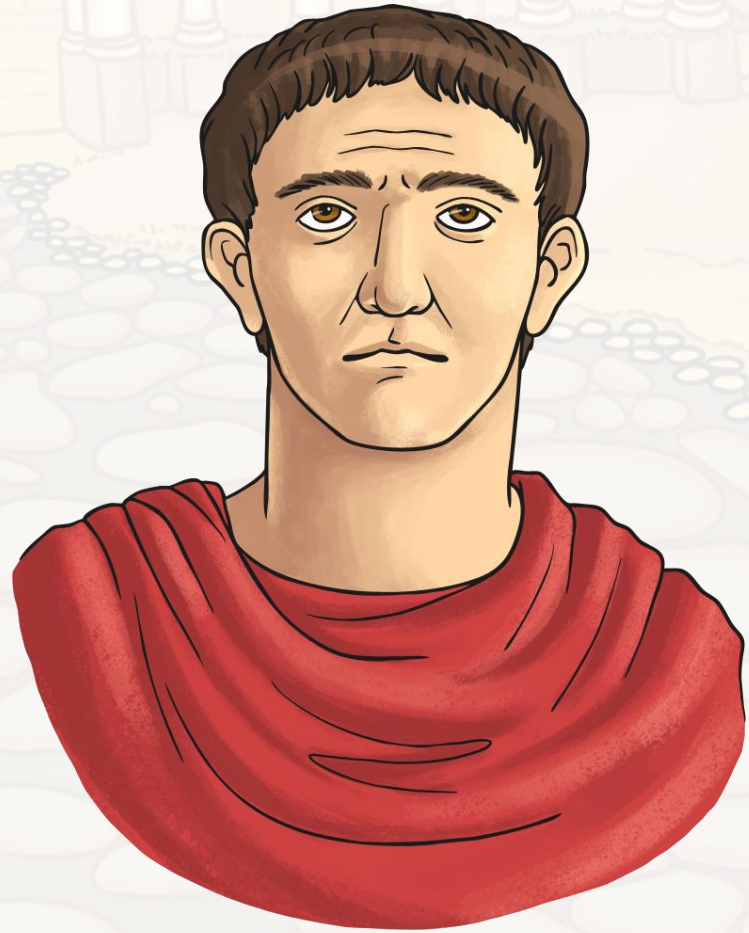
**C**

It makes it easy to remove from shields if it ever gets stuck.



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Why does a Roman helmet have shaped parts around the cheeks?

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To keep my face warm in winter.

**B**

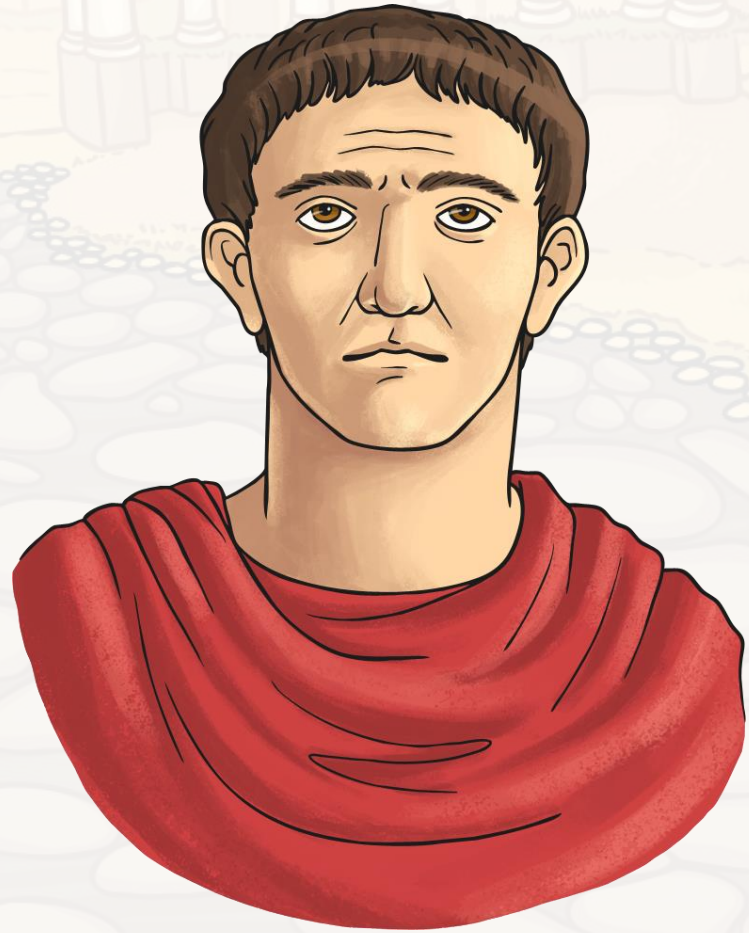
To protect my face and neck from injury.

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To help keep my helmet safely on my head.

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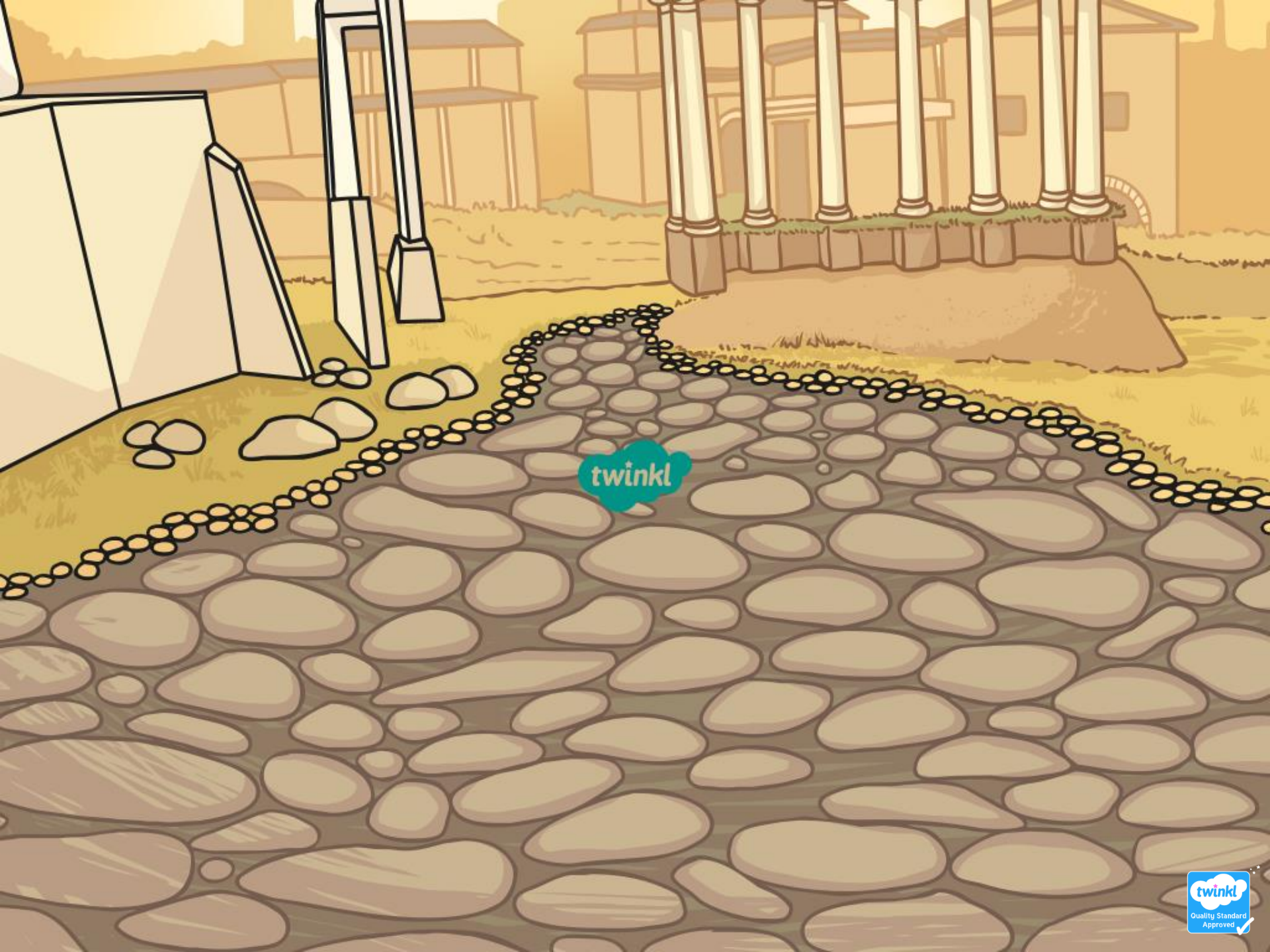


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"I have successfully completed my first training session as a soldier in the Roman army. Thank you for all your help. I couldn't have done it without you! I hope the rest of my training goes just as well. Goodbye and good luck."





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