

Pliny's letter to Tacitus about the eruption of Vesuvius, 68b p. 165 lines 16 - 19

NOTE: The brackets below indicate where Pliny has left out words

Iam nāvibus cinis incidēbat,
 quo propius accēderent,
calidior et dēnsior;

iam pūmicēs etiam nigrīque et ambustī et fractī igne lapidēs [verb, 3rd pers. pl];

iam vadum subitum ruināque montis lītora obstantia [verb, 3rd pers. pl.].

[subj] Cūctātus [verb, 3rd pers. sing] paulum an retrō flecteret, mox gubernātōrī ut ita faceret
monentī 'Fortēs' inquit 'fortūna iuvat: Pompōniānum pete.'

68b p. 165 lines 19 - 24

Stabiīs erat diremptus sinū mediō [READ NOTE IN TEXT]

ibi quamquam nōndum periculō appropinquante,
 conspicuō tamen et cum crēsceret proximō,

sarcinās [subject] contūlerat in nāvēs,

certus [Adj. here modifies the subject of contūlerat] fugae
 sī contrārius ventus resēdisset.

Quō tunc avunculus meus secundissimō [noun] invectus,
 complectitur [noun in acc. case] trepidantem
 [conjunction and subject of verb "consolatur"] cōnsolātur
 [conjunction and subject of verb "hortatur"] hortātur,
 utque timōrem eius suā securitāte [same subject as three verbs above] lenīret,
 dēferrī in balineum iubet;

[same subject as the verbs above for p.p.p "lōtus"] lōtus accūbat [conjunction] cenat,

aut hilaris

aut

(quod aequē magnum)

similis hilarī.