

These sentences of advice, called *monosticha*, are taken from a book from the 3rd or 4th century A.D. The whole book is called *Disticha Catonis*, and it was written by a Roman father for his son. Benjamin Franklin loved this book so much that he personally paid to have a translation printed up for the American colonists. During the Middle Ages this book was used to teach students Latin.

## Verbs:

Amā!	(amat)
Cura!	Take care of
Da!	(dat)
Disce!	Learn
Esto!	(est)
Fuge!	(fugit)
Lege!	Read
Pugna!	Fight
Rege!	Rule
Retine!	Keep
Serva!	Take care of
Utere!	Use

## Monosticha Catonis (XIV)



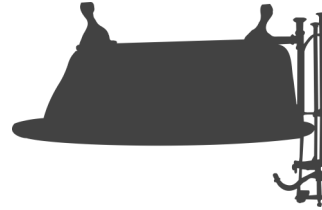
*Existimationem  
retinge.*

*Virtute utere.*

*Maledictus ne esto.*

*Mundus esto.*

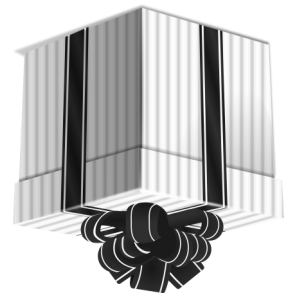
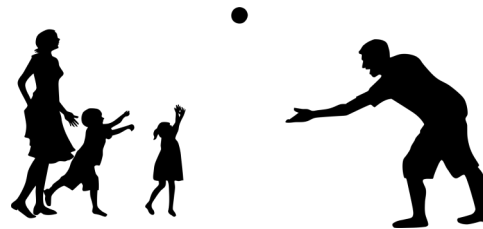
*Blandus esto.*



*Familiam cura.*

*Parentes ama.*

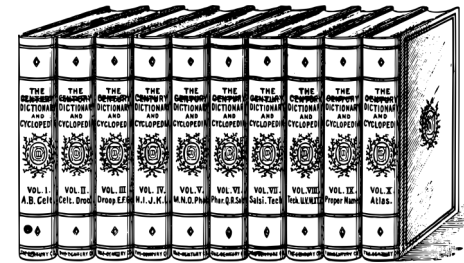
*Mutuum da.*



*Iracundiam rege.*

*Datum serva.*

*Aleam fuge.*



*Pugna pro patria.*

*Libros lege.*

*Litteras disce.*