

# **Constructions binomiales dans le *Pro P. Quinctio* de Cicéron**

Binomial constructions in Cicero's *Pro P. Quinctio*

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**Abstract:** Delivered in 81 B.C., *Pro P. Quinctio*, Cicero's earliest preserved speech, is a civil plea in which the Roman orator defends his client, Publius Quinctius, against the dishonest maneuvers of his accuser, Sextus Naevius. The speech is characterized by a rich, ample style, full of redundancies, due to the orator's youth, but also to the influence of Asianic rhetoric. This richness and abundance of the Ciceronian language is marked particularly by the frequent use of binomial constructions. Regarding the grammatical category of the coordinated terms forming these constructions, the text attests the use of nouns (*tempus et spatium, in ditione ac potestate, fines terminosque*), adjectives (*potentiam leuem atque inopem, recta atque honesta ratione*), verbs (*orat atque obsecrat, dici aut commemorari*), and adverbs (*sero et nequiquam, timide et pedetentim*).

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