

## The Roman House

Romans lived in various "houses" based on wealth and location:

- *casa*: peasant hut; typically lived in by farmers
- *domus*: house, home; we will see these in detail in this lesson
- *villa*: country house; often a second house for wealthy Romans
- *insulae*: apartment buildings; dangerous and unsanitary, lived in by the urban poor.



*casae*





*insulae*

The rich lived in luxurious houses, both in the city (*domus*) and the country (*villa*).

The house served a different purpose for the elite, than it did for the poor. While the lower class looked to a house for shelter, the rich used them not only as a residence, but also a status symbol.

Roman houses for the elite were divided into two sections. The front was the domain of the public; the back, a private residence for the family.



*villae*



Vestibulum

Taberna

Atrium

Hortus/Exedra

Impluvium

Lararium

Cubiculum

Peristylum

Triclinium

Culina

Tablinum

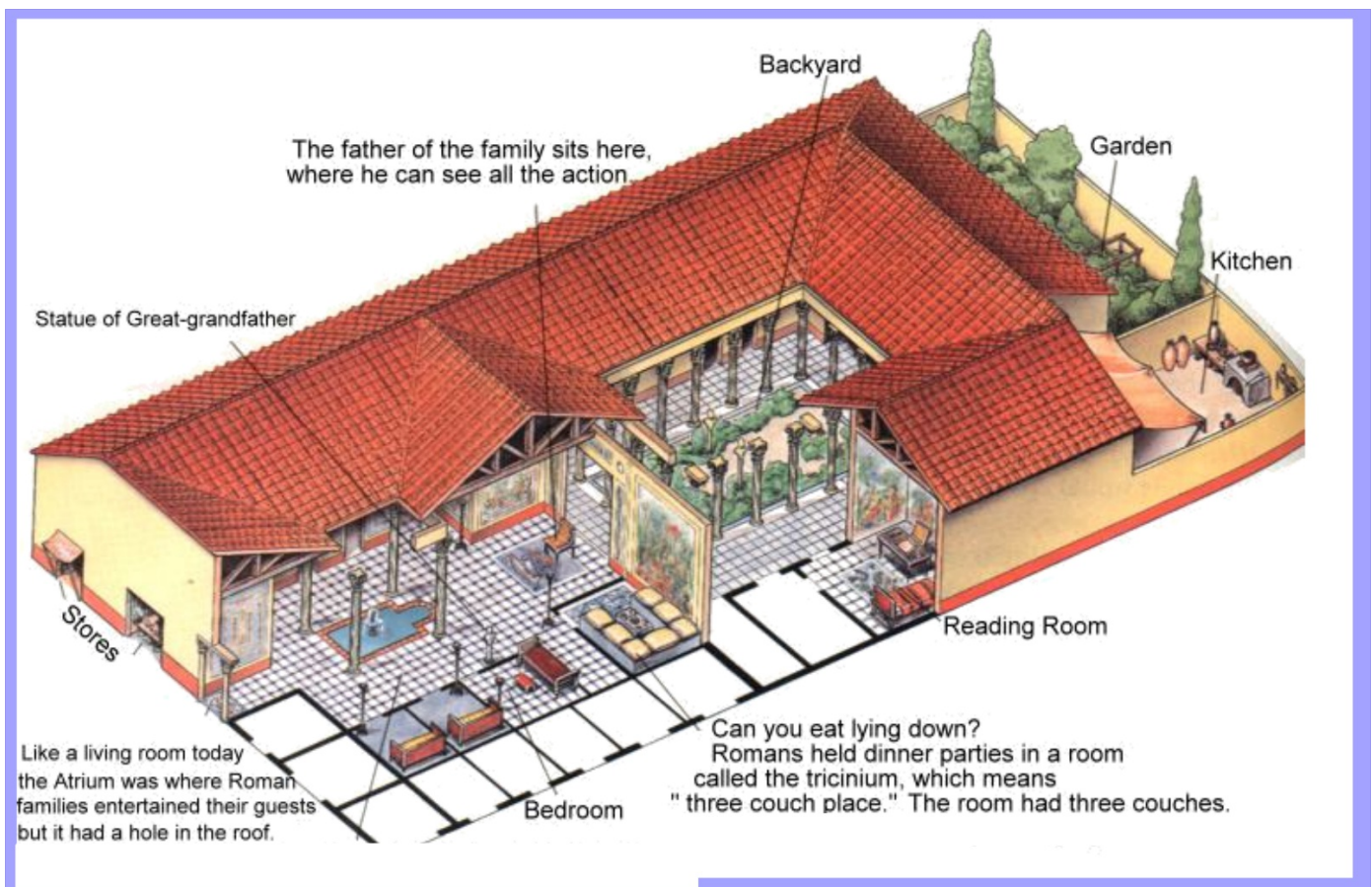
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## Layout

<http://www.vroma.org/~bmcmanus/house.html>

<http://www.medievalist.net/unityworlds/romanhouse.htm>





Backyard

The father of the family sits here, where he can see all the action

Garden

Kitchen

Statue of Great-grandfather

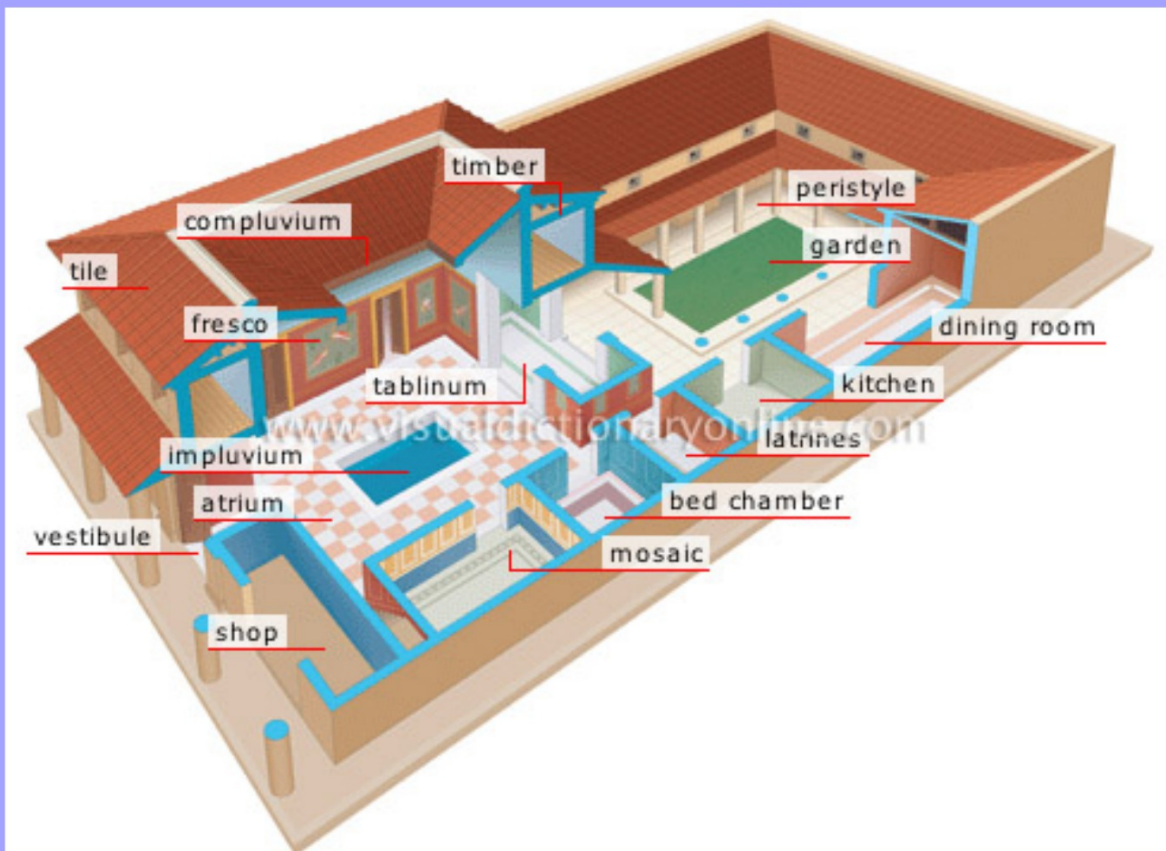
Reading Room

Stores

Like a living room today the Atrium was where Roman families entertained their guests but it had a hole in the roof.

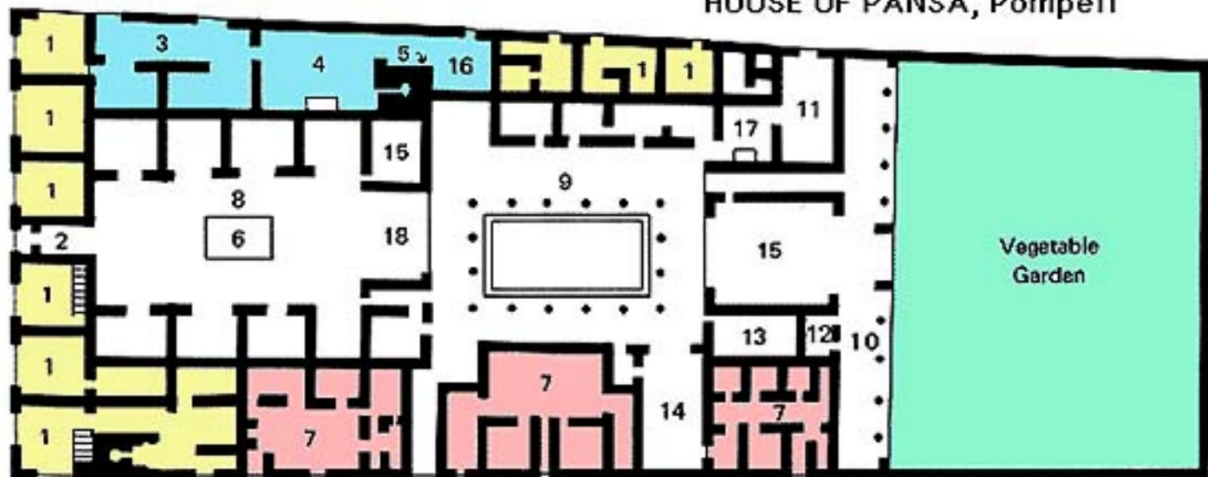
Bedroom

Can you eat lying down? Romans held dinner parties in a room called the tricinium, which means "three couch place." The room had three couches.



## Domus Romana

HOUSE OF PANSA, Pompeii



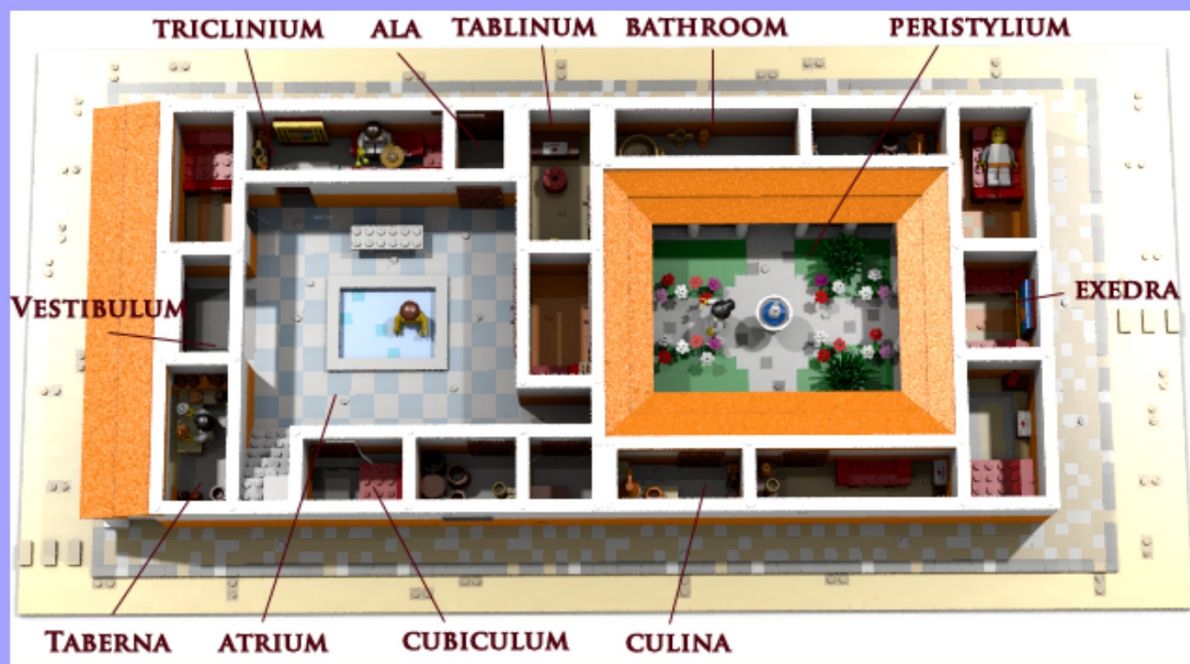
- 1. Shops
- 2. Main Entrance
- 3. Baker's Shop
- 4. Bake House
- 5. Oven

- 6. Impluvium
- 7. Separate House
- 8. Atrium
- 9. Peristyle
- 10. Portico

- 11. Wagon Shed
- 12. Gardener's Shed
- 13. Winter Dining Room
- 14. Dining Room (Triclinium)
- 15. Reception Room (Oecus)

- 16. Office
- 17. Kitchen
- 18. Tablinum

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## Villa Romana

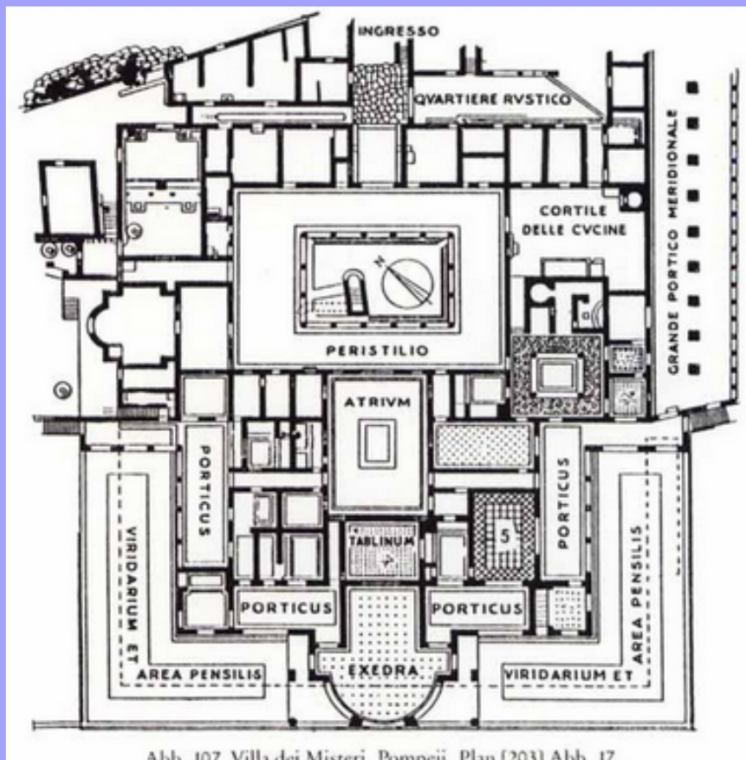


Abb. 107 Villa dei Misteri, Pompeii. Plan [203] Abb. 17.

atrium



cubiculum



tablinum





triclinium





peristylum

culina



exedra



Find a partner and get a piece of construction paper from the back. With your partner create a picture of your Roman house. Take into consideration how the house looked in the lesson, but also what modifications you might want in order to make the house your own.

Dont just copy what you saw; make it YOUR OWN!

After you have drawn the outline, label each room either on the drawing or in a key at the bottom.

On the back or on another sheet of paper write at least 10 LATIN sentences about going through your house. Describe what your or someone would do in each room. This should be like a narrative or story. It should flow. Mention at least six of the rooms in your floor plan and something unique about each room:

We are practicing prepositions in particular. Think of going through, under, into, beyond, among things, etc.

Examples:

Caecilius walks in the atrium and sees the imagines.

He walks out of the atrium and into the triclinium.

Caecilius is tired and walks to a cubiculum. He reclines on the lectus.

Metella helps the slaves to prepare dinner in the kitchen.

A quick note about looking up words:

All verbs you use must be 1st or 2nd Conjugation; how will we know which verbs fall into that category?

All nouns you use must be 1st or 2nd Declension; how will we know which nouns fall into that category?

Ask me if you are not sure how to put a sentence together.

