Language note 1+: Four conjugations

1. Look at the following sentences:

tū in popīnā labōr**ās**.	**tū** in cellā dorm**is**.
You work in the bar.	*You sleep in the room.*

Both verbs mean *you* are doing something, so end **-s**. If you look more closely, you'll see that **labōrās** ends **-ās** and **dormīs** ends -**īs**. That's because they are different types of verbs which have very slightly different endings.

2. There are four main types of verbs in Latin and these four types are known as **conjugations**. Notice the difference in their endings:

	1st Conjugation	2nd Conjugation	3rd Conjugation	4th Conjugation
I	labōr**ō**	sed**eō**	leg**ō**	dorm**iō**
you (s.)	labōr**ās**	sed**ēs**	leg**is**	dorm**īs**
he, she, it	labōr**at**	sed**et**	leg**it**	dorm**it**

3. When reading Latin, the **-ō**, **-s** and **-t** endings are enough to tell us who is carrying out the action. However, when writing Latin, we need to know which conjugation the Latin verb is.

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Complete the following translations:

a. You are reading in the room.
tū in cellā ..... .

b. Manius is sitting in the street.
Mānius in viā ..... .

c. I am working in the bar.
ego in popīnā ..... .

d. Lucillius is sleeping in the litter.
Lūcīllius in lectīca ..... .

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