## Examples of the genitive absolute



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I will not deny what I said in front of everybody, that once Troy was captured I would give your child to the first of the army who asked for him as a sacrifice victim.

Euripides Hecuba 303-4


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For it is clear that this must have happened somewhere near the harbour, since the man was drunk and had left the ship at night.

Antiphon On the Murder of Herodes 5.27




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While the Ionians were on the point of destruction and carrying out their orders, Coes the son of Erxander, the general of the Mytilenians, after first finding out whether he would be keen to accept an opinion from someone who wanted to give $i t$, said the following to Darius.

Herodotus Histories 4.97





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Demosthenes 18.179





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When I asked the priests whether the Greeks' account of what happened at Troy was credible or not, they gave me the following answer.

Herodotus Histories 2.118
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Has the ship come from Delos, at the arrival of which I am to die?
Plato Crito 43a
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For most people will not believe that we were eager to help you to go away from here, but you refused.

Plato Crito 44c



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Do you therefore consider very carefully whether you agree and share in this opinion, and let us take as the the starting point of our discussion the assumption that it is never right to do wrong or to requite wrong with wrong, or when we suffer evil to defend ourselves by doing evil in return.

Plato Crito 49d


 After this, sirs, an interval occurred in which I was left quite unaware of my own injuries; I was then accosted by a certain old female, who was secretly sent by a woman with whom that man was having an intrigue, as I heard later.

Lysias Speeches 1.15



Socrates: Then we agree that the question is whether it is right for me to try to escape from here without the permission of the Athenians, or not right.

Plato Crito 48c



So strongly did you prefer us and agree to live in accordance with us; and besides, you begat children in the city, showing that it pleased you.

Plato Crito 52c



And moreover even at your trial you might have offered exile as your penalty, if you wished, and might have done with the state's consent what you are now undertaking to do without it.

Plato Crito 52c
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You women are so far gone that you think that you have everything as long as everything is all right in the bedroom.

Euripides Medea 569-570



Medea: By the gods are you still now dragging out your life without children?
Aegeus: We have no children at the whim of some god.
Medea: Do you have a wife or do you have no experience of marriage?
Euripides Medea 670-672

