Let’s Go Shopping!
Ancient Roman marketplace
Flavius and his family are planning to travel to the large town of Eboracum. Today, this town is called York. Flavius and Lepidina have been to Eboracum before, when they first came to Britain from Holland, but this will be the children’s visit first.

*Let’s go shopping!*
Eboracum

The city itself was founded in AD 71, when the Ninth Legion conquered the Brigantes and constructed a military fortress (castra) on flat ground above the River Ouse near its junction with the River Foss. The fortress was later rebuilt in stone, covered an area of 50 acres, and was inhabited by 6,000 soldiers. Much of the Roman fortress now lies under the foundations of York Minster, and excavations in the Minster’s undercroft have revealed some of the original walls.
**ibi, adv.**
*arma, n.*
*tunicae, n.*
lūdī, n.
*pilulae, n.*
*variae, adj.*
vādō, vadere, v.
vādō Eborācum. ibi arma splendida sunt.

vādō Eborācum. ibi tunicae pulchrae sunt.

vādō Eborācum. ibi lūdi optimī sunt.

vādō Eborācum. ibi pilulae variae sunt.
Travel

If you want to travel from Vindolanda to York today, you can go by car or by train, and the journey takes about two hours. In Roman times though, it was a much longer journey and it could be dangerous. Flavius and his family would have had an armed guard to protect them against bandits.

The distance between Vindolanda and York is 193km (120 miles). The family will travel in a covered wagon, and will only manage about 6km (4 miles) in one hour. How long will their journey take?

The family can’t travel this far in a single day, so they will stop and rest at a mānsiō (inn) on the way to York, and again on their way home. The inns are at Cataractonium (today called Catterick) and at Vinovia (Blinchester). The whole trip would probably have taken about a week.
Let’s all go!

Candidus and Corinthus are going with the family, but Pandora is staying behind to look after Rufus. Corinthus wants to choose some new pens and wax tablets, and Candidus needs fish sauce and some new cooking equipment. He also hopes to see an old friend who lives in Eboracum.
*Vocabulary:*
*stilī et cērae*
*habitat, habitate*
*amīcus, n.*
YES

*ita vērō
venio, venire (venī), v.
et, conn.
vadō Eborācum. ībi stili et cērae optimi sunt!

Barātes Eborācum habitat. Barātes amīcus est.

Rūfus lacrimat.

nōtī lacrimāre! venī Eborācum!

Pandōra, venī Eborācum!

Rūfus ridet.

Corinthus et Candidus rīdent.

ita vērō!
Candidus meets his friend

In Eboracum, Candidus is very pleased to meet his old friend Barates. Barates is a trader, and on his stall he sells beautiful jewellery and rich cloth. He also makes flags for the Roman army. He and Candidus have a long talk. Barates explains that he left his home in Syria and followed the Roman army to Britain. He lived in London, where he met a slave girl, Regina, whom he loved and wanted to marry. He bought Regina’s freedom, so that he could marry her. Then they moved up to the north, and now they are living in Eboracum.
Eboracum is the nearest big town to Vindolanda.

Vindolanda is where Vibrissa and I come from!

Palmyra, in Syria, is where Barates comes from.

Greece is where Corinthus comes from.

Germania Inferior is where Flavius and his family come from.