

Chapter 6. Minitext: A Miracle of St Benedict

Below is a copy of Minitext A from *Introduction to Old English*. First read the text carefully, and then underline each noun (hint: there are thirty-one). Finally, write an abbreviation for the case (nom., acc., gen., dat, inst.) and number (sg., pl.) above each underlined noun.

[1] Ēac hit ġelamp sume dæge þæt þā ġebrōðru timbredon þæs mynstres
hūs. [2] And þā læg þær ān stān tō middes, þone hīe mynton hebban ūp on
þæs hūses timbrunge, ac hine ne mihton twēgen men ne þrīe onstyrian.
[3] Þā ēodon þær mā manna tō, ac hē swā þēah wunode fæst and
unwendedlic, efne swelce hē wære hæfd be wyrtwalan in þære eorðan.
[4] And ēac hit openlice mihte bēon onġieten þæt se ealda fēond sæt ofer
þām stāne, þone ne mihton swā manigra wera handa onstyrian. [5] Þā for
þære earfoþnesse wæs sended tō þām Godes were, and þā brōðru bādon
þæt hē cōme and mid his ġebedum þone fēond onweg ādrife, þæt hīe
mihten þone stān ūp āhebban. [6] Þā sōna swā se Godes wer þider cōm, hē
dyde þær his ġebed and his bletsunge. [7] And þā wearð se stān mid swā
micelre hrædnesse ūp āhafen, swelce hē ær nāniġe hefignesse on him
næfde.