

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 gelamp sume dæge þæt þā gebrōðru 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 þeah 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 bædon þæt hē cōme and mid his gebedum þone fēond onweg ādrife, þæt hīe mihten þone stān ūp āhebban. [6] Þā sōna swā se Godes wer þider cōm, hē dyde þær his gebed and his bletsunge. [7] And þā wearð se stān mid swā micelre hrædnesse ūp āhafen, swelce hē ær nāenige hefignesse on him næfde.