

A dinner invitation

Read lines 1–26 of *cēna Hateriī*, pages 207–208, and then fill in the blanks with the appropriate English word(s) to complete Haterius’ invitation to his birthday party.

CENA! CENA! CENA! CENA! CENA!

You are invited to my _____ party! Come at the _____ . You’ll have a totally awesome time because I have a most triumphant surprise in store for you this year – and it’s not acrobats jumping through hoops, either! 1–2

Among my friends and clients, I have invited some _____ (because they have lots of money) and also several _____ (who, because they are poor, seek my favor). 3–5

My guest of honor (whose favor I seek) will be _____ , the _____ . He will sit _____ me. I have consulted Eryllus, my arbiter elegantiae, about the seating arrangement and, in spite of his advice, _____ will recline in *primō locō*. After all it is my birthday! 6–8

In honor of your coming I will wear my _____ , and even use my _____ . 8–9

Eryllus and I have planned a scrumptious dinner, too. For the entree, _____ will bring in a huge dish laden with a _____ . Then the _____ will come into the dining room to carve right before your eyes. When you see (and hear) my special stuffing – _____ – you will _____ the skill of my cook. 10–15

As for the wine, well, only the best _____ . And just in case you doubt my generosity, I’ll have the wine steward read every label in a loud voice: “ _____ !” 15–19

After we have supped and imbibed (a great deal), I’ll snap my _____ and to the fanfare of _____ my stunning surprise entertainment will appear! 20–22

Hope you can make it.
RSVP*

Quintus Haterius Latronianus

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*respondēte, sī vōbīs placet.