

LATIN ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS FORMATION AND USAGE

Introduction. The Latin adjective modifies the noun : **vir beatus, a happy man; beatus** is a positive degree adjective. The adjective may be comparative, to indicate whether a person or thing described has a greater degree of a particular characteristic than another person(s) or thing(s) than is usual or customary. Citing the above, the comparative : **vir beator, the happier man** and the superlative : **vir beatissimus, the happiest man**

To aide comprehension and greater usage of Latin, a vocabulary list of 1/2 adjectives is included. The list cites examples

FORMATION OF THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE DEGREES

The adjective and its formation. An adjective cited in a vocabulary list or a dictionary is usually in the positive degree. To form the comparative and superlative degree of regular adjectives, add the suffix to the base of the positive. Example :

Comparative : base of positive + **-ior** (m & f), **-ius** (n), **-ioris** (gen)

Superlative : base of positive + **-issimus, -issima, -issimum**

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
carus, -a, -um 1 / 2 adj, dear	carior, -ius dearer	carissimus, -a, -um dearest
longus, -a, -um 1 / 2 adj, long	longior, -ius longer	longissimus, -a, -um longest
fortis, -e 3, 2-end adj, brave	fortior, -ius braver	fortissimus, -a, -um bravest
felix, felix 3, 1-end adj, happy	felicior, -ius happier	felicissimus, -a, -um happiest
potens, potentis 3, 1-end adj, powerful	potentior, -ius more powerful	potentissimus, -a, -um most powerful
sapiens, sapientis 3, 1-end adj, wise	sapientior, -ius wiser	sapientissimus, -a, -um wisest

Magnus, -a, -um is the model for 1 / 2 adjectives. (See page 15 for a fuller discussion of **magnus, -a, -um**.) For 3rd declension adjectives, 2-end, not *i*-stem, the model adjective is **fortis, -e** in the comparative degree. Example :

	Sg M & F	Sg N	Pl M & F	Pl N
N	fortior	fortius	fortiores	fortiora
G	fortioris	fortioris	fortiorum	fortiorum
D	fortiori	fortiori	fortioribus	fortioribus
Ac	fortiorem	fortius	fortiores	fortiora
Ab	fortiore	fortiore	fortioribus	fortioribus



USAGE AND TRANSLATION

Comparative degree adjectives. The comparative degree adjective, translates using either **more** or the suffix : **-er**. Superlatives translate using either **most** or **-est**. Example : **femina sapientior, the wiser woman; urbs antiquior, a more ancient city; tempus incertissimum, a most uncertain time; lux clarissima, the brightest light**

The comparative exception in translation sometimes has the force of **rather**, indicating a greater degree or quality usually encountered : **lux clarior, a rather bright light, indicating a greater degree than desirable**

The superlative exception in translation is sometimes translated with **very**, when comparing a person or thing to what is usually encountered : **vita eius erat brevissima, his life was very short**

QUAM WITH THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE

quam and its role in comparison. When **quam** follows the comparative degree, it acts as a coordinating conjunction meaning **than**, linking two matters that are compared, same case or construction follows **quam** as precedes: **hi libri sunt clariores quam illi. These books are more famous than those [books]**

When **quam** precedes the superlative degree, it acts adverbially and indicates the person or thing has the greatest possible degree of a particular quality : **amicus meus erat vir quam iucundissimus**. My friend was the pleasantest man possible or as pleasant as can be

ABLATIVE OF COMPARISON

Ablative of comparison and quam. When **quam**, first item being compared is **nominative** or **accusative**, **quam** was often omitted; the second following item is in the **ablative**. Example :

consilia tua sunt claiora luce

Your plans are **clearer** than **light**
[clariora, acc pl and luce, abl sg]

quis in Italia erat clarior Cicerone

Who in Italy was more **famous** than **Cicero**
[clarior, acc sg and Cicerone, abl sg]

IRREGULAR COMPARISON OF ADJECTIVES

The third declension adjective. There are six adjectives ending in **-is**, and form the superlative by adding : **-limus, -lima, -imum**. Example :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
facilis, -e 3, 2-end adj, easy	facilior, -ius easier	facillimus, -a, -um easiest
difficilis, -e 3, 2-end adj, difficult	difficilior, -ius more difficult	difficillimus, -a, -um most difficult
similis, -e 3, 2-end adj, like	similior, -ius more like	simillimus, -a, -um most like
dissimilis, -e 3, 2-end adj, unlike, dissimilar	dissimilior, -ius more unlike, etc	dissimillimus, -a, -um most unlike, etc
gracilis, -e 3, 2-end adj, slender, thin	gracilior, -ius more slender, etc	gracillimus, -a, -um most slender, etc
humilis, -e 3, 2-end adj, low, humble	humilior, -ius more lowly, etc	humillimus, -a, -um most lowly, etc

Nota bene : All other **-is** adjectives have regular superlatives : file**lissimus**, 1 / 2 adj, **most** or **very faithful, loyal** : util**issimus**, 1 / 2 adj, **most** or **very useful**

Nota bene : Masculine adjectives in **-er**, regardless of declension, form the superlative by adding **-rimus**, not to the base but directly to the masculine **-er**

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
liber, -bera, -berum 1 / 2 adj, free	liberior, -ius freer	liberrimus, -a, -um freest
pulcher, -chra, -chrum 1 / 2 adj, beautiful	pulchrior, -ius more beautiful	pulcherrimus, -a, -um most beautiful
acer, acris, acre 2, 3-end adj, keen	acrior, acrius keener	acerrimus, -a, -um keenest

OTHER IRREGULAR ADJECTIVE COMPARISONS

The irregular adjective. Irregular adjectives and their comparisons and superlatives are examples of **suppletion**. An example of suppletion, citing the English language, is : **good, better, best** or **the bad, the worse, the worst**. The comparatives and superlatives are not cognate with the positive form. Example :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bonus, -a, -um good	melior, -ius better	optimus, -a, -um best

magnus, -a, -um great	maior, -ius greater	maximus, -a, -um greatest
malus, -a, -um bad	peior, -ius worse	pessimus, -a, -um worst
multus, -a, -um much	____, plus more	plurimus, -a, -um most
parvus, -a, -um small	minor, -us smaller	minimus, -a, -um smallest
prae, pro in front of, before	prior, -ius former	primus, -a, -um first
superus, -a, -um that above	superior, -ius higher	summus, -a, -um highest, furthest
		supremus, -a, -um highest, last

Nota bene : prior and primus have no corresponding positive degree adjective, since these words imply by definition priority and primacy in relation with one or more persons or things : prae and pro, prepositions are related

Plus as an adjective. plus, (neuter plus), 3, declension, comparative, irregular, adjective. Example :

	Sg M & F	Sg N	Pl M & F	Pl N
N	-	plus	plures	plura
G	-	pluris	plurium	plurium
D	-	-	pluribus	pluribus
Ac	-	plus	plures	plura
Ab	-	plure	pluribus	pluribus



Nota bene: plus, pluris : is irregular. Plus in the plural functions as an adjective, plures amici, more friends, but has mixed *i-stem* and *c-stem* forms, the genitive plural -ium, but -a, not -ia in the neuter nominative and accusative. plus in the singular is a neuter noun, often used in the construction of genitive of the whole, plus pecuniae, more money (literally : more of money)

SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES ON FORMATION AND USAGE OF COMPARISONS

Decreasing comparisons. Example :

Comparative : minus + adj, less. Example : minus fortis, the less brave

Superlative : minime + adj, the least. Example : minime fortis, the least brave

Equality. Example :

tam + adj, as...as. Construction using : tam...quam. Example : as brave as, tam fortis quam

Adjectives ending in : -eus, -ius, -uus (except -quus) do not form comparative and superlative degree, use adverbs : magis and maxime. Example :

magis pius	more dutiful
magis dubius	more doubtful
maxime pius	the most dutiful or the very dutiful
maxime dubius	the most doubtful or the very doubtful

Adjectives ending in -dicus, -ficus, -volus form their comparative and superlative degree, use endings : -dicens, -ficens, -volens

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
maledicus abusive	maledicentior more abusive	maledicentissimus the most abusive or the very abusive

Additional irregular adjectival forms. Example :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
dives, divitis rich	ditior or divitior richer	ditissimus or divitissimus richest
invenis, -is young	iunior or iuvenior younger	-
nequam (non declinable) worthless, good-for-nothing	nequior more worthless	nequissimus the mostless or the very worthless
posterus next, following, coming after	posterior	postremus
senex, -is old, aged	senior	-
vetus, -eris old	vetustior	veterrimus

Additional irregular adjectival forms, comparatives and superlative degrees formed from adverbs. Example :

extra + acc on the outside, beyond	exterior	extremus, extimus
intra + acc on the inside, within	interior	intimus
prae + abl before, in front of	prior	primus
prope + acc near	propior	proximus
ultra + acc beyond	ulterior	ultimus

LATIN DIMINUTIVE : FORMATION AND USAGE

The **diminutive**. The **diminutive** is a word implying **smallness** either **actual** or **imputed** in token of **affection** or **scorn**, also known as the **pet name**. The Romans widely used the diminutive. The poet Catullus used the diminutive throughout his works. Some listeners may have been amused, others; the target of his pen, less so. Example :

1st and 2nd declension nouns, the suffix : **-ulus, -ula, -ulum**

3rd, 4th, and 5th declension nouns, the suffix : **-culus, -cula, -culum**

If the noun ends in a vowel : **-e-, -i-** or **-u-** the suffix : **-olus, -ola, -olum**. Example : gladius, a **sword**, in the diminutive is **gladiolus**, a **little sword**

If the noun ends in a consonant : **-r-** the suffix : **-ellus, -ella, -ellum**. Example : liber, libri. 2m. a **book**; in the diminutive, **libellus**, a **little book**

The diminutive adjective is usually confined to one gender. The **adjective** if used **substantively** as a **noun**, adopts the same gender of the replaced noun. The diminutive and its interpretation, as always in Latin look to context, for the **pet name** may be either an endearment or an insult. Example :

Noun / Adjective	Diminutive
amicus, -i. 2m. friend	amiculus, -i. (sense depends on context) little friend , dear friend , humble friend
amica, -ae. 1f. friend	amicula, -ae. (sense depends on context) loved one , mistress ; amicula rixata , quarrelsome or brawling mistress [rixatus, -a, -um. 1 / 2 participle]
atrium, -i. 2n. hall	atriolum, -i. little hall
aureus, -a, -um. 1 / 2 adj. golden	aureolus, -a, -um. golden , beautiful , splendid

auris, auris. 3f 1-end <i>i</i> -stem. ear	auricula, -ae. little ear
filius, -i. 2m. son	filiolus, -i. little son
homo, hominis. 3m 1-end <i>c</i> -stem. man	homunculus, -i. a so small man
liber, libri. 2m. book	libellus, -i. a little book
maior, maius. 3n 2-end <i>c</i> -stem. greater, larger	maiusculus, -a, -um. somewhat greater, larger
munus, muneris. 3m 1-end <i>c</i> -stem. function, duty, gift	munusculum, -i. 2n. a little gift
parvus, -a, -um. 1 / 2 adj. little	parvulus, -a, -um. somewhat smaller, smaller
porcus, -i. 2m. hog, pig	porculus, -i. piglet
rivus, -i. 2n. stream, brook	rivulus, -i. a streamlet
saccus, -i. 2m. bag or sack	sacculus, -i. a little bag or a little sack

LATIN ADVERBS : FORMATION AND USAGE

Adverbs. Latin adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs, usually before the word they modify. Many Latin adverbs have no English language equivalent : *cur.* adv : *why*; *etiam.* adv : *even, also*; *ita.* adv used with adjectives, verbs, and adverbs : *so, thus*; *tam.* adv used with adjectives, verbs, and adverbs, *so, to such a degree* and *tam...quam, so...as*

POSITIVE DEGREE ADVERBS

Adverbs and degree of comparison. Formation of adverbs, from 1 / 2 declension adjectives; add *-e* to base. Example :

long <i>-e.</i> far	longus, -a, -um. 1 / 2 adj. long
liber <i>-e.</i> freely	liber, libera, liberum. 1 / 2 adj w masc sg <i>-er.</i> free
pulchr <i>-e.</i> beautifully	pulcher, -chra, -chrum. 1 / 2 adj w masc sg <i>-er.</i> beautiful

Formation of adverbs, from 3rd declension adjectives, add *-iter* to base, if base ends in *-nt-*, then *-er*. Example :

fort <i>-iter.</i> bravely	fortis, -e. 3, 2-end adj. brave
celer <i>-iter.</i> swiftly, quickly	celer, celeris, celere. 3, 3-end adj. swift, quick, rapid
acr <i>-iter.</i> keenly	acer, acris, acre. 3, 3-end adj. sharp, keen, eager, severe, fierce
sapient <i>-er.</i> wisely	sapiens, sapientis. 3, 1-end adj, wise, judicious

COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE DEGREE ADVERBS

Adverbs and the comparative and superlative. Many adverbs have comparative and superlative forms. Example :

The comparative degree adverb is identical to its adjective, ending *-ius* : diligentius, more or rather diligently

The superlative degree adverb is identical to its adjective, ending *-e* : iucundissime, most or very pleasantly

QUAM WITH THE COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE DEGREE ADVERBS

quam and the comparison. *quam* with adverbs, its usage parallels the adjective. Example :

hic puer celeris cucurrit <i>quam</i> ille	This boy ran more quickly than that one...
haec moenia sunt robustiora <i>quam</i> illa	These city walls are stronger than those...

COMPARISON OF IRREGULAR ADVERBS

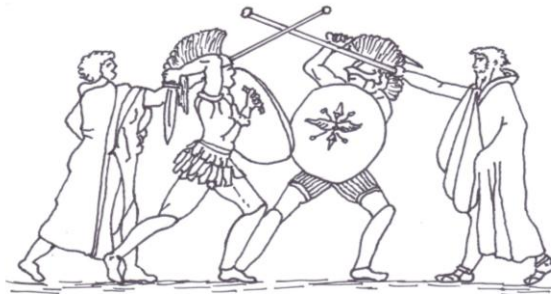
The irregular adverb. Adjective-adverb comparative forms. If an adjective's comparative degree is irregular, then the derived comparative degree adverb is most likely irregular with adverbial endings. Example :

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
longe, far	longius, farther, too far	longissime, farthest, very far
libere, freely	liberius, more free	liberrime, most, very free
pulchre, beautiful	pulchrius, more beautiful	pulcherrime, most beautiful
fortiter, bravely	fortius, more brave	fortissime, most brave
celeriter, quickly	celerius, more quickly	celerrime, most quickly
acriter, keenly	acrius, more keen	acerrime, most keen
feliciter, happily	felicius, more happily	felicissime, most happily
sapienter, wisely	sapientius, more wisely	sapientissime, most wisely
facile, easily	facilius, more easily	facillime, most easily
bene, well	melius, better	optime, best
male, badly	peius, worse	pessime, worst
multum, much	plus, more, quantity	plurimum, most, very much
care, dearly	carius, more dearly	carissime, most dearly
misere, wretchedly	miserius, more wretchedly	miserrime, most wretchedly
leviter, lightly (not heavy)	levius, more lightly	levissime, most lightly
audaciter, boldly	audacius, more boldly	audacissime, most boldly

ADVERBS IRREGULAR OR DEFECTIVE

nuper, newly	-	nuperrime, recently
magnopere, greatly	magis, more, quality	maxime, most, specially
pro + ablative, for, before	prius, before, earlier	primo, first (in time) primum, first (in a series)
parus, little, not very much	minus, less	minime, least
diu, long (in time)	diutius, longer	diutissime, very long
saepe, often	saepius, more often	saepissime, most often
satis, enough	satius, preferable	-
secus, otherwise	setius, worse	-

Nota bene : primo means first (in time), primum means first (in a series). quam primum is an idiomatic phrase meaning as soon as possible



**FIRST AND SECOND DECLENSION ADJECTIVES
VOCABULARY**

A

absconditus, abscondita, absconditum, adverb abscondite. 1 / 2 adjective

kept secret, hidden; secretly, covertly

gladii insidiaeque, ille absconditus, of the sword and treachery, he hath hid himself

acerbus, acerba, acerbum, comparative acerbior, superlative acerbissimus, adverb acerbe. 1 / 2 adjective

(taste) harsh, bitter, sour; (pain) sharp, bitter, painful; (character) rough, violent, grievous

mors acerbissima, the most painful death

acutus, acuta, acutum, comparative acutior, superlative acutissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

sharp, pointed, violent, severe, subtle; acute; quick-witted; high-pitched

(sense) **sonus acutissimus, highest treble;**(act) **acuta belli, violent war;** (intellect) **acutum cernis, keenly discern**

adultus, adulta, adultum. 1 / 2 adjective

grown up, mature, adult, ripe

res nondum adultae. things not yet mature

adversus, adversa, adversum, superlative adversissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

directly facing; adverse, evil, hostile; unfavourable

adverso flumine, up stream; ventus adversum, adverse wind; adversae rerum undae, under adverse conditions

aequus, aequa, aequum, comparative aequior, superlative aequissimus, adverb aequiter. 1 / 2 adjective

equal; level, even, flat, horizontal; calm; fair, impartial; just

aeternus, aeterna, aeternum, adverb aeterno. 1 / 2 adjective

abiding, lasting, permanent, perpetual; eternal, endless; immortal

urbs in aeternum condita, the founding of the eternal city

albus, alba, album, comparative albior, superlative albissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

white, dull white; (figurative) favourable, auspicious, propitious

Nota bene : The Romans considered **albus** to be a dull or matte white. **candidus, -a, -um.** 1 / 2 adj. referred to the bright or shining white toga worn by those seeking elected office. Toga's bright appearance was due to chalk rubbed into the fabric : **toga candida, the pure white toga.** Hence, **candidate** for office

pedibus venire albis, with chalked feet, referred to a slave for sale

filius albae gallinae, a white hen's son, a son of fortune

(colloquial phrase) **ater an albus, black or white** [sense : I care not who or what]

alienus, aliena, alienum, comparative alienior, superlative alienissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

another's, foreign; contrary, averse, hostile; unfavourable

alienis manibus, by others' hands; aliena loqui, foreign speaking; alienum a vita mea, unsuited to my life

almus, alma, alnum. 1 / 2 adjective

nourishing, kind; (figurative) propitious, bountiful, favourable

altus, alta, altum, comparative altior, superlative altissimus, adverb alte. 1 / 2 adjective

high, lofty; deep, profound; deep-rooted, far-fetched

altior aqua, the deeper water; qui est altissimus, aut rex aut Iuppiter, who is the highest, either the king or Jupiter

amicus, amica, amicum, comparative amicior, superlative amicissimus, adverb amice. 1 / 2 adjective

friendly, amicable; loyal, devoted; supporting, helpful; welcome, dear

angustus, angusta, angustum, comparative angustior, superlative angustissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

narrow, strait, contracted; (character) narrow, base, petty; (argument) narrow, trifling; (figurative) short, brief

rebus angustis animosus, matters narrowly courageous; (behaviour) defensio angustior, less honourable

Nota bene : The Equestrian order, as a sign of rank, wore the **angustus clavus;** a single, narrow up-right purple stripe on the tunic. The Senatorial order wore the **latus clavus,** two broad, up-right purple stripes

antiquus, antiqua, antiquum, comparative antiquior, superlative antiquissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

old, ancient; aged; (metaphor, bygone time or era) simple, honest, venerable

(plural) **antiquorum auctoritas, the ancients or ancient writers; antiquum obtinere, to hold fast an old custom**

aptus, **apta**, **aptum**, comparative **aptior**, superlative **aptissimus**, adverb, **apte**. 1 / 2 adjective
attached to; connected, suitable, adapted. (with **ex** and **ablative**, dependent [upon])
aptior persona, a suitable personage. (pass through a forest defile) **saltus eligit aptos, pick a suitable passage**

arduus, **ardua**, **arduus**. 1 / 2 adjective
steep, high, elevated, lofty; difficult, arduous
nihil mortalibus arduum est, Nothing is hard for mortals. Horace

asper, **aspera**, **asperum**, comparative **asperior**, superlative **asperimus**, adverb **aspere**. 1 / 2 adjective
rough; uneven; harsh, sour, bitter; without hope, asper declines nom masc sg -er, model puer, -i. 2m. boy
aspera multa pertulit, carrying many hardships; doctrina asperior, harsher learning

aureus, **aurea**, **aureum**. 1 / 2 adjective
made of gold, golden; gilded; of the colour gold; beautiful

Nota bene : Octavian erected the : **miliarium aureum, the golden milestone**, a marble column at the head of the forum in Rome. Henceforth, all distances were calculated from the milestone marker

B

balbus, **balba**, **balbum**. 1 / 2 adjective
stammering, stuttering; lisping; fumbling

INTELLIGENT, CAPABLE AND WILY

Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, known as **Claudius**; reigned from **Anno Domini 41 to 54**. When he ascended to imperial power, he was the last adult male of his family branch of the **Julio-Claudian** dynasty. He had survived several purges under **Tiberius** and **Caligula**. Tall and well built, he is often portrayed as having a limp, weak knees, and a stammer

As **primus inter pares**, Claudius's reign is noted for territorial expansion, construction of infrastructure and sound administration. **Britannia**, twice occupied by **Gaius Iulius Caesar** was finally conquered. His reign is noted for peace and prosperity. His death is attributed to his wife **Agrippina the Younger**. She is alleged to have had Claudius poisoned. **Nero**, Claudius's grand-nephew and legal step-son, succeeded as emperor

So, what of Claudius's stammer? As emperor, physical afflictions seemed to disappear. Claudius said these weaknesses were exaggerated to avoid the attention and the perception of being a threat. Claudius was intelligent, capable, and wily. 'Stammering' had foiled his enemies, not a bad trick...

beatus, **beata**, **beatum**, comparative **beatior**, superlative **beatissimus**, adverb **beate**. 1 / 2 adjective
happy, (truly) happy, blessed, fortunate; prosperous, wealthy, richm
beatissimum saeculum, the very fortunate of times; beatissima vita, by the very blessedness of life

Nota bene : **beatus** has a poetic form, **beatum** for **beatorum**

bellicus, **bellica**, **bellicum**. 1 / 2 adjective
of or pertaining to war; of the military; warlike, fierce in war
bellicam rem administrare, the military government (of the commander); caerimoniarum bellicam, of or pertaining to a military commemoration of an event or of the dead

bellus, **bella**, **bellum**, adverb **belle**. 1 / 2 adjective
beautiful, pretty, handsome; pleasant, agreeable, charming
puella bellissima, the very fairest girl; (undesirable) non bella fama, not the fame of beauty

Nota bene : Classical Latin for 'beautiful' chose either : **pulcher** or **formosus**

benignus, **benigna**, **benignum**, adverb **benigne** or **benigniter**. 1 / 2 adjective
kind, mild, affable, bounteous; (poetic, things) fruitful, fertile; (poetic, feeling) lucky; antonym : severus, grave
benignus verbum, a kind word; vini somnique benignus, a hard drinker and a lover of sleep

blandus, **blanda**, **blandum**, comparative **blandior**, superlative **blandissimus**, adverb **blande** or **blanditer**. 1 / 2 adjective
pleasant, alluring, charming, gentle; flattering, smooth, suave
homo blandior, a more pleasant man; blandissimae dominae, a most seductive woman

bonus, bona, bonum, comparative **melior**, superlative **optimus**, adverb **bene**. 1 / 2 adjective
good, honest, brave, noble, kind, pleasant; antonym : **malus, bad**
bonum atrium studia, liberal studies; **bona fides** or **fides bona**, good faith, sincerity, fairness; **bona pars**, a large part, a good share; **boni mores**, morality, an upright life; **summum bonum**, chief good; **nihil bono**, nothing good

C

caecus, caeca, caecum. 1 / 2 adjective
 (the noun's sense is) **having no light** or **devoid of light**; (physically) **not being able to see, blind**;
 (figurative) **mentally** or **morally blind**; (intellectual) **vague**; (transferred sense, from botany) **without buds or eyes**; (passive, otherworldly) **cannot be seen, to be invisible, to be known**
apparet id quidem etiam caeco, a blind man can see that; **exegit caecos rabies**, blind to rage; **quantum mortalia pectora, caecae noctis habent**, as great as the mortal heart [is], darkness holds

callidus, callida, callidum, comparative **callidior**, adverb **callide**. 1 / 2 adjective
expert, skilful, adroit, dexterous; **crafty, sly, clever, ingenious**
nihil callidius, nothing more clever; **stamina suspendit callida**, a clever thread of suspense; **hodie, ostendi quam sim callidus...**, Today, I showed that I am clever...

candidus, candida, candidum. 1 / 2 adjective
shining white; clear, bright; fair, beautiful; synonym : **albidus, whitish; albus, white; lacteolus, milk-white**;
 antonym : **niger, black**
candida de nigris facere, to make black white; **candida sententia**, white opinion or judgement [The Greeks and Romans often used black and white stones for voting: elected to office : white or acquitted at trial : white]

carus, cara, carum, comparative **carior**, superlative **carissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
dear, beloved; costly, expensive, valued
frater carissimus, dearest brother; **frumentum, carissimis pretiis emere**, corn, the dearest price to buy

certus, certa, certum, comparative **certior**; superlative **certissimus**; adverb **certe**. 1 / 2 adjective
certain; fixed, settled, firm; resolved, determined; sure
certa res est, it is sure; **certum est omnia dicere**, [it is] certain all is said; **amicus certus in re incerta cernitur**, a friend in need is a friend indeed; **homo certus et diligens, honestissimus certissimusque**, a sure and diligent man [is] very honourable [and] most assured

clarus, clara, clarum, comparative **clarior**, superlative **clarissimus**, adverb **clare**. 1 / 2 adjective
clear, bright; (character) **renowned, famous, illustrious**; (auditory) **loud, clear, distinct, audible**
haec certa et clara adferre, this is certain and clear news; **gloria clarioresque**, clearer glory; **pax clarior quam bellum**, brighter peace than war

claudus, clauda, claudum. 1 / 2 adjective
limping, halting, lame; (rare figurative, usually poetic) **wavering, crippled, imperfect; uncertain, untrustworthy**
altero pede, the other foot; **claudus pilam**, the lame man [holds fast] the ball

cupidus, cupida, cupidum, comparative **cupidior**, superlative **cupidissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
desirous, eager; fond + gen, desirous of, eager for
cupidor iudex, ambitious judge; **cupidissimus litterarum**, most desirous of learning; **cupidos moderatis**, desirous to moderate

curvus, curva, curvum. 1 / 2 adjective
bent, crooked, curved
flumen curvus, winding river; **curvata senis membra**, bent old men

D

decimus, decima, decimum. 1 / 2 adjective
ten (ordinal number after **nonus** and before **undecimus**)

decorus, decora, decorum, adverb **decore**. 1 / 2 adjective
decorous; proper; suitable; graceful, handsome; noble
dulce et decorum est pro patri mori, it is sweet and fitting to die for your country; **decorum erat ipsis capessere pugnam**, it is proper they, themselves, were seized in the fight; (personal ornamentation, being adorned) **ad ornatum, decorum est senis sermo...**, for personal adornment, [an] old word is fitting...

destinatus, destinata, destinatum. 1 / 2 adjective
fixed, determined, destined, inevitable
sententiae, hora mortis..., of judgement, at the hour of death...; **destinatus obdura**, [act] resolutely

dexter, dextra, dextrum, comparative **dextrior**, superlative, **dextrissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
(relative direction) **right; right hand**; (ability) **skillful**; (condition) **favourable, proper, fitting**; antonym : **laevus, left, unfortunate**; **scaevus, left, left side**; **sinister, left**; **dexter** declines nom masc sg **-er**, model **ager, -i**. 2m. field **ad dextram ambulo, I walk to the right**; **quis rebus dexter modus, who has the right manner**

digus, digna, dignum, comparative **dignior**, superlative **dignissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
worthy, deserving, deserved
nihil dignum dictu, nothing worth saying; **dingus esse, digna res est ubi tu nervos intendas tuos...**,
deserve to be, where it s a matter of dignity to apply your energy...

divinus, divina, divinum, comparative **divinior**, superlative **divinissimus**, adverb **divine**. 1 / 2 adjective
devine, of a deity, superhuman, supernatural
causa divinior, the more divine cause; **divinissima dona, the very devine gift**; **rem divinam facere, to do or perform divine worship**; **agere divina humanaque, to do religious and secular duties**; **divina humanaque scelera, sacrilege and crime**; **rerum divinarum et humanarum, of matters divine and human**; **divinum ius et humanum, divine and human law**; **animus divinior, divinely inspired**; **nescio ille divinus, I do not know that divine sense**

doctus, docta, doctum, comparative **doctior**, superlative **doctissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
learned, skilled, versed, experienced, trained, clever
doctus in se semper divitias habet, the learned man always has wealth within himself; **hic vir est doctior quam ille, this man is more learned than that one**; **docti sumus, a man of culture**

durus, dura, durum, comparative **durior**, superlative **durissimus**, adverb **dure**. 1 / 2 adjective
hard; harsh; hardy, vigorous; stern; unfeeling; inflexible; burdensome, difficult
poeta durissimus, the hardest poet; **durior ad haec studia [sympathy] for this hard study**; **durior Diogenes, Diogenes was rougher**; **iudex durior, a tougher judge**; **durissimo tempore anni, the hardest time of the year (inclement weather)**; **dura lex, sed lex, the law is harsh, but it is the law**

E

egregius, egregia, egregium, superlative **egregiissimus**, adverb **egregie**. 1 / 2 adjective
distinguished, excellent, eminent; (of rank) **illustrious, eminent**
ille est vir senator egregius, That man is an eminent senator; **ut alia egregia tua omittam, that I overlooked your other quality**

exquisitus, exquisita, exquisitum, comparative **exquisitior**, superlative **exquisitissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
carefully sought out, searched for, hunted for, inquired into, exquisite; **ascertained, having been sought out**
laudari exquisitissimis verbis; with praise for very carefully sought out words

exter, externa, exterum, comparative **exterior**, superlative **extremus**. 1 / 2 adjective
on the outside, outward, external, outer; **of another country**; **foreign (used in the plural)**
ius nationum exterarum, the right of foreign nations; **contra exteriorem hostem, against an external enemy**;
exter declines nom masc sg **-er**, model **puer, -i**. 2m. boy

Nota bene : **extremus, extrema, extremum**. 1 / 2 adjective. **situated at the end, edge, tip**; **occurring at the end (period of time)**. Example : **in extremis...**, **at its end...**; **extremo tempore, the last time**; **in extremis navalibus, at the end of the wharf** [physically : to be at the end of an **act**]; **occupet extremum scabies, the devil takes the hindmost** [literally : to seize or take the scab or the itching. Scabies is acting as a metaphor for 'devil'. Psychologically : to be at the end]

F

falsus, falsa, falsum. 1 / 2 adjective
deceptive, feigned, spurious, deceitful, false, pretended, delusive, unfounded; (by extension) **false, untrue**
vera an falsa, true or false; **rumores falsos, false hearsay**; **ne illi falsi sunt qui expectant...**, **verily, they are the one[s] who look for what is false...**

ferus, fera, ferum. 1 / 2 adjective
wild, untamed; uncivilized, uncultivated; untamed, rough; fierce, cruel
hastam in feri alvum contorsit, you strike the spear in the wild twisted belly; **nemo adeo ferus est ut non mitescere possit, nobody is so savage that he cannot be tamed**; **sibi fera sacra parari, for he was prepared for the savage rite [of sacrifice]**

fessus, fessa, fessum, comparative **fessior**, superlative **fessissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
wearyed, tired, feeble, fatigued, exhausted, worn out, weak, infirmed
fessum inedia recreare, militia cohortes, the cohort was revived from weakening starvation; **fessi rerum, corpus saucium aegrotumque, tired of the wounded and sick body**

firmus, **firma**, **firmum**, comparative **firmior**, superlative **firmissimus**, adverb **firmiter**. 1 / 2 adjective
firm, **strong**, **steady**; (figurative) **faithful**, **steadfast**, **true**
civitas firma, **templis sustinendis**, **a strong state**, **the support of the temples**

foederatus, **foederata**, **foederatum**. 1 / 2 adjective
(document signed and sealed) **sealed**, (pertaining to an agreement or treaty) **ratified**; (to Rome) **allied**, **leagued**,
federated, (in the nominative masculine plural) **foederati** : **allies**
Roma Graecia foederatus facere potest, **Rome and Greece can be allied**

Nota bene : Before signing a treaty with Rome, bargain hard. For if you break the treaty, that is; **to surrender the league**; there are consequences. **foederatus** has a twin : **foedifragus**, -a, -um. 1 / 2 adjective. means **league-breaking**. There is a hidden cost, **foedifragus** also has the implied sense of **perfidity**. To the Romans **perfidity** : **perfidia**, -ae. 1f. was **faithless**, **dishonest** or just base **treachery**

foedus, **foeda**, **foedum**, comparative **foedior**, superlative **foedissimus**, adverb **foede**. 1 / 2 adjective
foul, **filthy**; **ugly**; **base**, **vile**, **abominable**
foedissimum monstrum, **the most abominable monster**; **foedi homini**, **the foul man**

Nota bene : Do not confuse the adjective : **foedus**, -a, -um with the noun : **foedus**, **foederis**. 3n. **treaty**, **agreement**, **contract**

fortunatus, **fortunata**, **fortunatum**, comparative **fortunatior**, superlative **fortunatissimus**, adverb **fortunate**. 1 / 2 adjective
blessed, **prosperous**, **lucky**, **fortunate**; **well off**, **wealthy**, **rich**
fortunatior Fortuna, **more fortunate than Fortune**; **ingenium fortunatus arte**, **fortunately the natural quality is skill**; **fortunatus laborum**, **fortunate in his achievements**; **gratia fortunati et potentis**, **for the sake of fortune and ability**; **quibus licet esse fortunatissimos**, **which is allowed to be the most fortunate**

G

geminus, **gemina**, **geminum**. 1 / 2 adjective
born together, **twin-born**, **twin**; **doubled**, **paired**
Dolabella et Antonius, geminum in scelere..., **Dolabella and Antonius, twins in evil...**

gratus, **grata**, **gratum**, comparative **gratior**, superlative **gratissimus**, adverb **grate**. 1 / 2 adjective
pleasing, **acceptable**, **agreeable**, **welcome**; **dear**, **beloved**; **grateful**, **thankful**
id gratum acceptumque habendum, **it is pleasing to have received and held**; **gratior pulchro in corpore virtus**, **more pleasing in the virtuous body**; **re ipsa atque animo gratissimus...**, **and in fact the thing most pleasing to the soul...**

H

horrendus, **horrenda**, **horrendum**. 1 / 2 adjective
dreadful, **terrible**, **horrible**
horrendum mortem non timet magnum is sibi..., **[it is] dreadful, to himself, not great fear of death ...**

humanus, **humana**, **humanum**, comparative **humanior**, superlative **humanissimus**, adverb **humane**. 1 / 2 adjective
(of man, people) **human**, **humane**; **civilized**, **cultured**, **refined**; **considerate**
Four Roman comments on being human. Of the human race : **omnium divinarum humanarumque rerum consensio, cultus, humanissima voluptas, maior imago Humana**, **the consensus of opinion of all the divine and human things, cultivated, the very satisfaction of humanness [is] the greater Human image**; Of human feeling : **si quicquam in vobis humani esset**, **if whatsoever was your human[ness]**; Of the superhuman : **humano maior Romulus, the greater human [is] Romulus**; Of human affairs : **omnia humana, quaecumque accidere possunt, si quicquam humanorum certi est**, **all humans, no matter what happened may happen again, if there is anything certain in human affairs**



I

ignarus, **ignara**, **ignarum**, comparative **ignarior**, superlative **ignarissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
 ignorant (of), not knowing, unacquainted (with), unskilled in, inexperienced, unaware (of). antonym :
gnarus. having knowledge or experience (of); known
tu me ignaro, I ignore you [not knowing] me; **cum per ignaros errent animalia montis**, [by means of] they were
 ignorant of the animals in the mountain; **ignari venisse dictatorem**, [they were] ignorant, the dictator to have
 come (dictator, **dictatoris**. 3m. an elected chief magistrate)

immodicus, **immodica**, **immodicum**. 1 / 2 adjective
 excessive, immoderate; beyond measure. synonym : **immodestus** : unrestrained, excessive, shameless
immodica rixa, an excessive brawl

immotus, **immotata**, **immotum**. 1 / 2 adjective
 unmoved, immovable, motionless; unchanged; inflexible
si mihi non animo fixum immotumque sederet, if I, I am not breathing, wavering and unmoved, I was seated

imperiosus, **imperiosa**, **imperiosum**, adverb **imperiose**. 1 / 2 adjective
 possessed of command, far-ruling, mighty, powerful, puissant; dictatorial, overbearing, tyrannical, arbitrary
 (colloquial phrase) **sibi qui imperiosus**, lord of himself; **ille est imperiosus**, that man is dictatorial

impunitus, **impunita**, **impunitum**, comparative **impunitior**, adverb **impunito**. 1 / 2 adjective
 freedom from punishment, unpunished, safety, impunity
nec diu proditoribus impunita res fuit, nor long the traitors remained unpunished

imus, **ima**, **imum**. 1 / 2 adjective
 lowest, deepest, last; bottom, at the bottom
fundo in imo, I am at the bottom of the bottom; **murus ab imo ad summum**, from the lowest to the highest
 [metaphor : literally, from a 'wall to the summit']; **qui regit ima**, who rules the underworld; **aquae perspicuae**
imo, water transparent to the bottom; **instabiles imo facit**, unsteady at the roots [phrase, a condition or state,
 either actually or metaphorical being unstable]; **poema si paulum summon decessit, vergit ad imum**, from
 the sublime...to the ridiculous [literally, 'if the poem is the smallest, goes away to the highest, bends to the
 lowest']

Nota bene : Two different verbs, conjugate : first person, singular, present, indicative, active : **fundo**
 i). **fundo, fundere, fudi, fustum** (3). to pour out, shed; (military) rout, scatter; (manufacture) to found
 (as in smelting)
 ii). **fundo, fundare, fundavi, fundatum** (1). to found, establish, lay the foundation. **fundare** may be
 used metaphorically, low, bottom

Nota bene : **imus** is often associated with : **inferus, infera, inferum**, comparative **inferior**, superlative **inifimus**.
 1 / 2 adjective. low; (in the masculine plural) the souls of the dead; (in the neuter plural) the
 netherworld, the underworld, Hell

incertus, **incerta**, **incertum**, comparative **incertior**, superlative **incertissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
 uncertain; doubtful, inconstant; variable; unsettled, undetermined; hesitating, undecided
cum incerta bellum an pax essent, whether uncertain of war or peace; **incertior sum multo quam dudum**, I was
 more uncertain than a short time ago; **plebes, varius incertusque agitabat**, the common people, driven by
 diverse uncertainties; **nihil est incertius**, nothing is uncertain; **moriendum certe est et annus incertum**; death is
 certain and the year uncertain

incorruptus, **incorrupta**, **incorruptum**, comparative **incorruptior**, superlative **incorruptissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
 unspoiled, uninjured, uncorrupted; (figurative) not spoiled or seduced; unadulterated; genuine, pure
senatus habet centum viri. sensus iudicium est nonaginta novem incorrupti. quis est vir impius ?
 The juseinate has one hundred men. The judgement is ninety-nine are uncorrupted. Who is disloyal ?
custos incorruptissimus, the very uncorrupted guardian

indignus, **indigna**, **indignum**, comparative **indignior**, superlative **indignissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
 unworthy; undeserving; unbecoming; undeserved; misfortune
nihil facere fide sua indignum, nothing made by faith is own indignity; **indignissimi candidati**, the very
 unbecoming candidate; **te omni honore indignissimum indicat**, he points out you are unworthy of every
 honour; **calamitates hominum indignorum**, misfortunes are human beings' indignities

Nota bene : In translation, context is insight. **calamitas, calamitates** which commences the fourth cited example
 may variously mean : I). loss, damage, harm; II). misfortune, calamity, disaster; III) military defeat;
 and IIII). blight, crop failure

industrius, industria, industrium, comparative industrior. 1 / 2 adjective

active, diligent, assiduous, industrious

primo, industrius esse, first, be industrious ; in rebus gerendis, matters to be carried / borne; matters to be worn

infestus, infesta, infestum, comparative infestior, superlative infestissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

hostile, dangerous, disturbed, molested, infested, unquiet, unsafe

sua tuta omnia, infesta hostium, via excursionibus barbarorum, omnia serpentibus, the safety of all, the danger of an enemy by way of the barbarian sally, all snake-like; (threatening metaphor) infestis pilis procurrere, the threat or the act of aggression [pila, -ae. 1f. mortar. id est. the striker of the mortar and pestle grinder; procurro, procurrere, procurri, procursum (3). to run or rush forward, extend, project]; (threatening phrase) infestis oculis conspici, the conspiratorial eyes stare [conspici, present passive infinitive of : conspici, conspicerere, conspexi, conspectum (3, io-variant). to watch, observe, look at, gaze, stare, catch sight of]

Nota bene : infestus has an inherent hostility to persons and behaviour, of threats and physical violence
(of things + dative) harmful, troublesome
(of places + ablative) infested with adversity

ininitus, infinita, infinitum, comparative ininitior. 1 / 2 adjective

not limited, infinite, endless, boundless, unlimited

(idiomatic phrase) quos erat infinitum nominare, what was an endless task [nominare, present infinitive active of nomino, nominare, nominavi, nominatum (1). to name, give a name to, call by name paired with ininitus for the sense of nameless, hence endless act]; res est ininitior, things or matter more finite

infirmus, infirma, infirmum, comparative infirmior, superlative infirmissimus, adverb infirmiter. 1 / 2 adjective

(sense) weak, feeble :

Synonym. debilis, weak; impotens, powerless; invalidus, infirmed; valetudinarius, sickly

Antonym. constans, standing (together); durus, hard; firmus, stable; fortis, strong; potens, being able (to); valens, strong; validus, healthy, well

(sense) unhealthy :

Synonym. insanus, demented; insalubris, unhealthy; valetudinarius, sickly

Antonym. salvus, sound; sanus, sound body, healthy, well; saluber, healthy; salutaris, healthy and a state of being free from sin (late Empire, the Christian era introduced and equated health with morality); valens, strong, vigorous; validus, strong, healthy, well

sum paulo infirmior, I am a little infirmed / unwell / unhealthy [note the structure : sum takes the adverb paulo of : paulus, paula, paulum, adverb paulo. 1 / 2 adjective. little, small and comparative infirmior, implied comparison with a state of wellness]; (phrase) terrore infirmiores, I was terrified being weaker / feebler / unhealthier [the comparative infirmior, implied comparison with a state of wellness]; (phrase) de causis condemnatus infirmissimus, of causes condemned (to being) very infirmed / sickly/ unhealthy; ex gravi morbo, from grave / serious illness; prima morbid accessione, at the first approach of death [morbus, -i. 2m. death]; infirmi ad resistendum, the infirmed (state) continued / resisted; ad probandum res, to things / matters to be approved / tested (implied, medical treatment)

Nota bene : condemnatus, -a, -um. 1 / 2 participle. condemned, convicted, sentenced. condemnatus is a legal term used by the Roman courts on finding a sentence of guilt. Outside the court condemnatus may refer to either ill-health or a physical state. Example : confined [condemned] to bed

infortunatus, infortunata, infortunatum, comparative infortunatior. 1 / 2 adjective

unfortunate, ill-starred

nihil me infortunatus, nothing but ill fortune to me

inimicus, inimica, inimicum, comparative inimicior, superlative inimicissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

unfriendly, hostile, harmful, inimical, (legal, the plaintiff's opposite) the defendant

quis plenior inimicorum fuit Decimus, Who is the larger of the enemies of Decimus? [plenior, neuter plenius, plenus positive. 1 / 2 adjective. fuller, plumper. In this instance the comparative adjective is acting as the noun subject]; inter omnia inimica infestaque; between all things harmful and dangerous

iniquus, iniqua, iniquum, comparative iniquior, superlative iniquissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

unjust, unfair; unequal; unfavourable, disadvantageous; (physical state of a surface) uneven, slanting, steep (either an actual or metaphorical circumstance) iniquissimus locus, the very inequity of the location / situation; iusto secernere iniquum, the righteous sundering of an injustice; iniquissimis verbis conflictari, the very unjust torment of words; iniquissimo animo mori, the inequity of the [last] breath [before] death; se fati dixit iniqui, his fate said inequity

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iniquae mentis asellus

Is a Roman phrase that many may not know, but is worth knowing and understanding for the phrase provides insight to the ferocity of public debate and public insult

the inequity of the donkey's chins

mentum, -i. 2n. a **chin** and **asellus**, -i. 2m. a **small or young ass or donkey**

How potent of grievance are the donkey's chins?

iniustus, **iniusta**, **iniustum**, comparative **iniustior**, superlative **iniustissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

unjust, **wrongful**; **severe** or **excessive** (punishment); **unsuitable**

iusta iniusta omnia obsequi, to submit to all things, just or unjust; **noli tam esse iniustus**, I am so unwilling to be unjust; **rogatio iniustissima**, the very unjust proposed law; **iura inventa metu iniusti**, rights found in the wrong fear of laws

Nota bene : **rogatio iniustissima**, the third declension, feminine noun **rogatio**, **rogationis** conveys three senses :

I). a legal inquiry or proposal to pass a law or decree, proposed law, decree, or bill,

II). a question, interrogation, questioning

III). an asking, demanding, prayer, entreaty, request, invitation

insanus, **insana**, **insanum**, comparative **insanior**, superlative **insanissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

mad (sense, of mental derangement), **insane**, **demented**, of **unsound mind**; **violent**, **absurd**, **raging**, **foolish**

homines ex stultis insanos facere, men do, from the fool, the demented; **insanior cupiditas**, the more demented desire; **insanissima contio, amor**, the very demented meeting, a love

invictus, **invicta**, **invictum**, superlative **invictissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

[**invictus** : no comparative] **unconquered**, **unsubdued**; **invincible**, **undisputed**, **undefeated**

invictus morior, unconquered I die; **invictissimus civis**, the very unconquered citizen; **nihil invictum sic ad bellum venientibus**, nothing is invincible, thus to approaching war

invisus, **invisa**, **invisum**, adverb **invisè**. 1 / 2 adjective

unseen

sacra maribus invisà, by the sacred sea unseen

Nota bene : **invisus**, the adjective is closely associated with the verbs : **video**, **videre**, **vidi**, **visum** (2) **see** and **and invideo**, **invidere**, **invidi**, and **invisum** (2) **unseen** and **invisus**, **invisa**, **invisium**. 1 / 2 participle. **hateful**, **hated**, **odious**, **disliked**, **unpopular**

invitus, **invita**, **invitum**, superlative **invitissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

[**invitus** : no comparative] **against the will**, **unwilling**, **reluctant**, **perforce**, **on compulsion**

neque senatus provinciam invitus dederat, the senate was reluctant to give the province to him; **eum ego a me invitissimus dimisi**, I, from me, most unwilling, dismissed him; **quod et illo et me invitissimo**, which and that, very unwilling to me

iratus, **irata**, **iratum**, comparative **irator**, superlative **iratissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

angry, **irate**, **angered**, **enraged**, **violent**, **furious**, **wrathful**

nihil feci iratus, I did nothing in anger; **quid irate sentire possunt**, what anger can they feel; **Caesar illis fuerat iratissimus**; **Caesar had been very irate with them**

iucundus, **iucunda**, **iucundum**, comparative **iucundior**, superlative **iucundissimus**, adverb **iucunde**. 1 / 2 adjective

pleasant, **agreeable**, **delightful**, **pleasing**, **delicious**

est mihi iucunda vestra erga me voluntas, it is my pleasure to welcome you; **id vero militibus fuit iucundum**, on the other hand, it was pleasant for the soldiers; **bonum iucundius vita**, a good life more pleasant; **bonum iucundus vita**, a more enjoyable good life

iustus, **iusta**, **iustum**, comparative **iustior**, superlative **iustissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

just, **righteous**; **lawful**, **legal**; **justified**, **merited**, **well-deserved**, **due**; (figurative) **exact**, **straight**, **dire**

qui omnium iustissimus fuisse traditur, the very just of all, who has been betrayed; **iustissimos triumphos videre**, the very triumph to see; **omnia paterno funeri iusta solvere**, all just to pay his father's funeral; **ut iustioribus utamur eis**, so that the very righteous, I took advantage of them

L

laetus, laeta, laetum, comparative **laetior**, superlative **laetissimus**, adverb **laete**. 1 / 2 adjective
happy, cheerful, glad, luxuriant, lush; pleasing, welcome, beautiful, rich. synonym : **felix**
laetus sum, I [a man] am happy; laeta sum, I [a woman] am happy; ludi laetiores, happy games or welcoming school; dies laetissimi, very happy days; omnia erat facta laetiora, all was made easier / happier; vitium laetissimi fructus, si laeta aderit, crime is more beneficial, if riches will be present

Nota bene : Context is everything in Latin. The noun : **ludus, -i. 2m.** may mean either **games** or **school**. **ludi**, games were frequent pastimes, including games associated with a religious festival, such as : **ludi circenses, chariot races; venationes, gladiatorial or hunting shows; ludi scaenici, stage or theatre plays.** Equally, **ludi** with the sense of a **school** was applied to establishments to train gladiators, **ludi gladiatoris**, or a place of elementary learning, **ludi**, a **school** for children. Since children play **games, ludus at school, ludus and laetus** offers a wide interpretation. From above, **ludi laetiores** may be **happy games** or **welcoming school**

latus, lata, latum, comparative **latior**, superlative **latissimus**, adverb **late**. 1 / 2 adjective
broad, wide, extensive, spacious
 (descriptive width) **latissimum flumen, a very broad river;** (descriptive of action) **latos finis parare, prepare the wide end;** (figurative behaviour) **latus ut in Circo spatiere, wide[ly] that [you] in Circo walk-about / promenade** (phrase implies one of two actions : either to walk about to show-off or to walk about to spread influence); (descriptive measurement) **palus non latior pedibus quinquaginta, the marsh is not wider than fifty feet;** (growth) **crescere in latum, increase or grow in width;** (snobbery) **cuius tu illa lata imitaris, which of you, broad[ly] expresses that** (a comment on pronunciation)

Nota bene : **imitor, imitari, imitatus sum** (1, deponent). **imitate, act like, copy after, seek to resemble**
spatior, spatari, spatatus sum (1, deponent). **go for a walk, walk around, stroll, promenade**
palus, paludis. 3f. swamp, marsh, morass, bog, fen, pool

M

magnus, magna, magnum, comparative **maior**, superlative **maximus, -a, -um**. 1 / 2 adjective
 (physical size, quantity) **great, large, big;** (physical size, things) **vast, extensive, spacious;** (physical dimensions, measurement) **great, much, abundant, considerable;** (great, value) **high, dear, of price or cost;** (great, time, usage is rare), **longus** and **multus** preferred; (great, age) paired with **natu, years, advanced years, aged, great aged;** (figurative, person, place, thing) **great, grand, mighty, noble, lofty, important.** Example : **Carolus Magnus, Charlemagne, aka Charles the Great, Magna Britannia, Great Britain, Mare Magnum, Great Sea**

First and Second Declension : **magnus, -a, -um**. 1 / 2 adjective. **great, large, tall, important**

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular							
Nominative	magnus	magna	magnum	Nominative	magni	magnae	magna
Genitive	magni	magnae	magni	Genitive	magnorum	magnarum	magnorum
Dative	magno	magnae	magno	Dative	magnis	magnis	magnis
Accusative	magnum	magnam	magnum	Accusative	magnos	magnas	magna
Ablative	mango	magna	magno	Ablative	magnis	magnis	magnis
Vocative	magne	magna	magnum	Vocative	magni	magnae	Magna

Third Declension : **maior, maius**. 3 adjective. 2-endings. comparative degree **magnus, greater.** antonym : **minor**

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular							
Nominative	maior	maior	maius	Nominative	maiores	maiores	maiora
Genitive	maioris	maioris	maioris	Genitive	maiorum	maiorum	maiorum
Dative	maiori	maiori	maiori	Dative	maioribus	maioribus	maioribus
Accusative	maio rem	maio rem	maius	Accusative	maiores	maiores	maiora
Ablative	maiore	maiore	maiore	Ablative	maioribus	maioribus	maioribus
Vocative	maior	maior	maius	Vocative	maiores	maiores	maiora

First and Second Declension : **maximus, -a, -um**. 1 / 2 adjective. superlative degree **magnus, greatest**

	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular							
Nominative	maximus	maxima	maximum	Nominative	maximi	maximae	maxima
Genitive	maximi	maximae	maximi	Genitive	maximorum	maximarum	maximorum
Dative	maximo	maximae	maximo	Dative	maximis	maximis	maximis
Accusative	maximum	maximam	maximum	Accusative	maximos	maximas	maxima
Ablative	maximo	maxima	maximo	Ablative	maximis	maximis	maximis
Vocative	maxime	maxima	maximum	Vocative	maximi	maximae	maxima

magnus hoc bello Themistocles fuit, this great war was [waged by] Themistocles; **haud magna memoratu res est**, scarcely the matter is not greatly mentioned; **omnia res magna loquens**, all matters greatly spoken; **oppidum non maximum maximis locis decoravit**, the beautiful town is not ranked with most places; **cuius auctoritas magni habebatur**, it was with great authority; **magno natu sufficientibus viribus**, great age has not sufficient strength; **omnes maiores natu**, all those greater by birth; **Decimus, annos natus maior quadraginta**, Decimus, greater than forty years old

Nota bene : **maiores, maiorum**. 3m pl only. **ancestors**

malus, mala, malum, comparative **peior**, superlative **pessimus**, adverb **male**. 1 / 2 adjective

bad, evil, wicked; unfortunate; weak
 (general comment) **mala res**, bad business; **mala aetas**, old age; (unpleasant to senses : appearance, smell, taste) **mala facies**, an ugly face; (bad, evil, wicked) **malus et nequam homo**, an evil and wicked man; (destructive, hurtful, noxious, evil) **consuetudo mala**, a bad habit, **mala vota, carmina susurrare**, to whisper evil spells; (unkind, hostile, abusive) **mala verba**, offensive words or language; (general comment associated with bad luck, unlucky, unfavourable, unfortunate, adverse) **mala tempestas**, bad / unfavourable / unsuitable weather; **malam flamam ferre**, to bring bad reputation; **malis avibus**, under evil auspices [birds were often an evil omen]; **reliquiae malae pugnae**, remnants of an unsuccessful battle; (poor in condition or ability, inept) **malus homo**, bad man, **mali homines**, bad men, **mala mente esse**, to be out of one's mind, **pessimus poeta**, the worst poet; (reputation, character) **repudiates malis suasoribus**, reputation falls to bad advisors / supporters; (mischief) **abi in malam crucem**, go to the cross [Roman equivalent, 'Go to Hell.' Reference crucifixion the full phrase, **abi in malam crucem, malum cruciatum**, go to the cross of evil, the cross of torment]

medius, media, medium, comparative **magis medius**, superlative **medioximus**. 1 / 2 adjective

in the middle, in the midst, mid, mean, middle
 (sense between) **medius Polluce et Castore**, placed between Pollux and Castor; (sense to point) **medium ostendere unguem**, to point with the middle finger [literal : to expose to view the fingernail]; (no middle course) **cum inter bellum et pacem medium nihil sit**, with noting being between war and peace; (to be in the middle of a public square or similar setting) **in foro medio**, in the middle of the forum; (the middle of a season) **media aestate**, at midsummer; (to be in the middle of a battle) **medios dilapsus in hostis**, to be in the middle of the collapsed enemy; (a peace mediator) **paci medium se offert**, a peace mediator presents himself

meridianus, meridiana, meridianum. 1 / 2 adjective

(midday, noon, the 12th hour) **midday, noon**; (compass direction) **southern**
tempestatas meridianus, southern or southerly storm; **meridianum ambulo**, I walk south

Nota bene : **meridianus** and associated vocabulary and phrases. Example :

meridiatio, meridiationis. 3f. **midday nap**; **meridies, meridiei**. 5m. **midday, noon**; **south**
flumen oriens ab meridie, a river flowing from the south; (a ship's log entry) **inflectens cursum ad meridiem**; **bending course at midday**; **ante meridiem**, before the noon; **post peridiem**, after the noon

merus, mera, merum. 1 / 2 adjective

undiluted, pure (particularly, wine), **unmixed, unadulterated**; (figurative) **pure, true, real, genuine**
mera monstra nuntiari, proscriptiones, to declare a true proscribed portent; **merum haurientes libertatem**, to draw free water

WHINE AND WINE

Of course you know **Macrobius Ambrosius Theodosius**, wit and commentator. When in your cups together, **Falernum** wine, Campania's best to **Putas's** watered **vin ordinaire**, take care : **in vino veritas**

Cum Cicero apud Damasippum cenaret et ille, mediocri vino in mensa posito, diceret, Bibe hoc Falernum, hoc est vinum quadraginta annorum, Cicero sic respondit, Bene aetatem fert

Augustus, cum quidam ridiculus ei libellum trepide adferret, et modo proferret manum et modo retraheret, Putas, inquit, te assem elephanto dare?

With Cicero at the house of Damasippum for dinner and that, a mediocre wine placed in cups says, Drink this **Falernian**, this wine is forty years old, Cicero thus replied. A good lifespan endures

Augustus, with someone, ridicules for his defamatory, nervously to carry forth, and now to bring forth by hand and now to pull back, **Putas**, he says, **how dare you, elephant's ass?**

Friend, **in vino non veritas**, in wine no truth lies. For the **vinum** is watered. Drink **merus**, for it is pure, an unadulterated elixir, **in merus veritas**, in the pure [wine] lies the truth

mirus, mira, mirum, comparative **mirior**, superlative **mirissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
wonderful, marvelous, astonishing, extraordinary, amazing
visenda modis animalis miris, to look at the way of living creatures is wonderful; nisi hoc mirum est, if not, this is wonderful; si quid miri faciat natura, if nature were to accomplish, what a wonder

molestus, molesta, molestum, comparative **molestior**, superlative **molestissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
troublesome, irksome, grievous, annoying, unmanageable
nisi molestum est, if it is not a trouble; nihil molestius, nothing painful; ingeni est molestissima, nature is very irksome; simplex in agendo veritas non molesta, the simple truth, to act is not troublesome

montanus, montana, montanum. 1 / 2 adjective
of mountains, belonging to mountains, a dwelling in the mountains; mountaineer; mountainous
Dolopes finitimique montani, the Dolopes mountainous neighbours; inter montanos, between the mountains

Nota bene : Dolopes, Dolopum. 2n pl, proper name. the Dolopes tribe in the mountainous district of Thessaly
finitimi, finitimorum. 2m pl. neighbours
monticola, -ae. m / f 1f. a mountain-dweller, mountaineer

N

natus, nata, natum. 1 / 2 adjective
born, made, destined, designed, intended, produced by nature, fit
huic natus rei, the matter of birth; pro re nata, as things stand; Servius annos maior / minor quadraginta, Servius is older / lesser [than] forty years; (plus / amplius construction) annos sexaginta natus es aut plus Mamerus, non amplius novem annos natus, you are sixty years old or more [than] Mamerus no more than nine years old; (constituted by nature) non scripta sed nata lex, not written but born of the [natural] law

necessarius, -a, -um, comparative **necessarior**, superlative **necessarissimus**, adverb **necessario**. 1 / 2 adjective
unavoidable, inevitable; indispensable, requisite
necessaria re coactus, matter forced / compelled necessity; longius necessario procedere, it is necessary to proceed further; ad necessaria ferenda, it is necessary to carry out; tam necessario tempore, the time of need

neuter, neutra, neutrum. 1 / 2 adjective
neither male nor female, (gender) neuter [the absence of gender], (grammar) neuter, intransitive [of a verb]

Nota bene : neuter : declines, model : ille, illae, illud. demonstrative pronoun, gen sg : -ius, dat sg : -i

notus, nota, notum, comparative **notior**, superlative **notissimus**, adverb **nove**. 1 / 2 adjective
new, novel; fresh, young; recent; unusual, strange, extraordinary
res tam nota, haec quae nota sunt omnibus, a thing so well known, such things as these are known to all; tua nobilitas est notior, your reputation is better; omnes noti me deserunt, all his friends abandoned me; notissimi duces, very notable leaders

O

obstinatus, obstinata, obstinatum, comparative **obstinatior**. 1 / 2 adjective
resolved, determined, resolute, steadfast, inflexible, stubborn, obstinate
animi ad decertandum, the will / desire to fight / dispute to the finish; ad silendum, hold kept silence; obstinatos mori in vestigo suo, determined in death to follow his path; voluntas obstinator, stubborn will

occupatus, occupata, occupatum, comparative **occupatius**, superlative **occupatissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
taken up, engrossed, absorbed, occupied, employed, busy, engaged
non occupatorum amicorum adsiduitas, they will never be perpetual friends; res in singulis litteris occupatae, engrossed in the singular matter of literature; occupatio rem me habere, I have to work hard at matters; occupatissimus esse, to be very occupied

odiosus, odiosa, odiosum, comparative **odiosio**, superlative **odiosissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
disagreeable, offensive, unpleasant, tiresome, annoying, hateful, vexatious
motus odiosiores, objectionable motion; odiosissimus natio, the very odious birth / nation / country / people [context : natus has a sense beyond birth. The noun may also mean : nation, country, or people]; homines notos sumere odiosum, men are known to seize the offensive

opportunus, -a, -um, comparative **opportunior**, superlative **opportunissimus**, adverb **opportune**. 1 / 2 adjective
fit, meet, adapted, convenient, suitable, seasonable, opportune
tempore opportunissimo, in the nick of time; urbs opportunior ad res gerendus, the city is more desirable to conduct matters; nihil opportunius accedere vidi, nothing more appropriate [than] access seen; res singulae rebus singulis, nulla opportunior nostra amicus, each individual matter, no friendship more desirable than ours

P

paratus, parata, paratum, comparative paratior, superlative paratissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

prepared, ready, equipped

id quod parati sunt facere, omni perpeti, all that is ready to do, every[thing] is continuous; (law and business) **in iure paratissimus, by right of the very prepared;** **paratiores ad omnia pericula subeunda, more ready to undergo all dangers;** **paratus simulatione, a master of dissimulation;** **parati nil est, nothing is prepared**

parvus, parva, parvum, comparative minor, superlative minimus. 1 / 2 adjective

small, little, puny, cheap, petty, trifling, unimportant, ignoble

haec parva et infirma sunt, these things are small and weak; **a parvis didicimus, we have learned little;** **onus parvis animis et parvo corpore maius, a little more physical burden and small minds;** **opera parvi preti, works of little value;** **vivitur parvo bene, I am lived less well**

periculosus, periculosa, periculosum, superlative periculosissimus, adverb periculose. 1 / 2 adjective

dangerous, hazardous, perilous

cum novorum fidem experiri periculosum duceret, with this new faith, from danger, he would attempt to lead; **periculosae inimicitiae, dangerous enmities;** **hic periculossimus locus, this very dangerous place**

peritus, perita, peritum, comparative peritior, superlative peritissimus, adverb perite. 1 / 2 adjective

skillful, skilled, expert, experienced, practised, trained

homo peritissimus in eis rebus, the most skilled man in these matters; **bellorum omnium peritissimus iuris, all wars are practised very legally;** **quis iure peritior, who has the right experience**

perniciosus, pernicioso, perniciosum, comparative perniciosior, superlative perniciosissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

destructive, ruinous, baleful, pernicious

scripta auctori pernicioso suo, this own author's writings are destructive; **morbi perniciosiores, degenerative diseases;** **perniciosa loquebatur, she was talking injuriously**

perpetuus, perpetua, perpetuum, comparative perpetuior, superlative perpetuissimus, adverb perpetue. 1 / 2 adjective

perpetual, everlasting, constant, continuous, incessant, unbroken, uninterrupted, lasting, invariable

innocentia perpetua vita, integrity throughout his whole life; **diem perpetuum, the whole day;** **stellarum cursus, rota perpetuum qua circumvehitur axem; the course of the stars' perpetual travel round the axis wheel;** **in perpetuum, for all time, forever**

Nota bene ; circumvehor, circumvehi, circumvectus sum (3, deponent). to make the round of, travel round, sail round [hence the verb's role in planetary movement]

piger, pigra, pigrum, comparative pigrior, superlative pigerrimus. 1 / 2 adjective

unwilling, reluctant, averse, backward, slow, dull, lazy, indolent, sluggish, inactive; **piger declines nom masc sg - er, model ager, -i. 2m. field;** **piger, the superlative adjectival form is irregular**

gens pigerrima ad militaria opera, the most reluctant clan works for the military; **pigro perire situ, the situation of an unwilling death;** **ille est piger, he is lazy (man) [piger : acting as a substantive adjective];** **hic puer est piger, this boy is lazy;** **hora tarda fluit, pigris velox operantibus, hour fast and slow, flows lazy workers**

plenus, plena, plenum, comparative plenior, superlative plenissimus, adverb plene. 1 / 2 adjective

full, filled, filled with, plump, stout, complete; plenteous; entire; whole; (poetic) satisfied

vita plena confertaque voluptatibus, life is full and crowded together with pleasure; **ad plenum, copiously or to the fullest;** **plenos oculorum sanguine pugnos, the blood red eyes are fighting;** **legio plenissima, the legion is at full strength;** **pleno gradu, at full pace (stride, either walking or marching);** **cornix plena improba voce, the crow's full call condemns;** **plenis nubilis annis, at the full marriageable age;** **quae regio nostri non plena laboris, which region is not full of labour (or work);** **plenus sum exspectatione de Pompeio, I am full of expectation for Pompeii;** **oratio plenior, a full(er) address or speech (to an audience);** **pleniora per scribere, the fuller / more complete writing (concerning either an academic paper, business statement, political statement);** **pleniore ore laudare, with full [oral] praise;** **nihilo sapientior ex plenior, nothing is full of wisdom**

posterus, postera, posterum, comparative posterior, superlative postremus. 1 / 2 adjective

following, next, coming after; (figurative) inferior

cum ibi diem posterum, when I was there next day; **postera crescam laude, in the esteem of posterity;** **sic vestri posterii de vobis praedicabunt, so your descendants will say of you;** **in posterum oppugnationem differt diem, in the attack the next day;** **nec acumine posteriorum oratorum, nor the sharpness of the following entreaty;** **posterior partis superat mensura priores, the superior parts of the hinder measure (what a butcher may say to a customer);** **nihil posterius, no later than;** **alia prima ponet, alia postrema, put the first one [first], put the [final] one [last];** **servitus postremum malorum omnium, the last service [by the slaves] was bad for all**

nuda veritas

praeclarus, **praeclara**, **praeclarum**, comparative **praeclarior**, superlative **praeclarissimus**, adverb **praeclare**. 1 / 2 adjective
very clear or bright; famous, honorable, distinguished, noble, excellent; splendid, fine, beautiful
urbs situ praeclaro ad aspectum, the city is placed strategically, having a fine aspect; **gens bello praeclara**, the
 clans have distinguished war; **praeclaram populo**, a noble people; **sceleribus suis ferox atque praeclarus**,
 exults and glories in his crimes

praeteritus, **praeterita**, **praeteritum**. 1 / 2 adjective
gone by, past, past and gone, departed; disregarded, neglected, omitted or missed; surpassed or excelled
castigatio ob errorem praeteritum, punishment for their past; **praeterita nocte**, last night; **praeterita mutare**
non possumus, we can not change the past

primus, **prima**, **primum**, adverb **primo**. 1 / 2 adjective
the first, first (sense : the first in time..., the first to do..., the first to see..., the first to achieve,...)
primae litterae, the first letter; **primus Graecae civitatis in Thraciam introit**, Thrace the first Grecian state
 entered [arrived]; **in primis stetit**, the first to stand or among the foremost; **in primis pugnantes**, in the van of
 the attack; **in prima provincia**, at the entrance of the province; **prima luce**, at first light or at dawn; **primo**
quoque tempore, at the first opportunity or at the earliest time; **me tibi primum quidque concedente**, first you
 have my permission [to]; **quod bellum, si prima satis prospera fuissent**, the war would have been successful
 at first; **qui numerus in primo viget, iacet in extreme**, in the first numbering, thrive at the edge; **sui municipi**
facile primus, primus urbis placuisse, his [influence] first at the township; [then] at the city [was] approved;
apud, te primus, at the time, first in your favour; **otium atque divitiae, quae prima mortales putant**, leisure and
 your riches, which mortal men can [cleanse]; **primus partis qui aget**, plays the leading part; **actioni primas**
dedisse Demosthenes dicitur..., the first action is to give to Demosthenes the say...;

Nota bene : **in primis**, among the first... and, **cum primis**, with the foremost...
 homo **in primis** improbissimus..., man is **among the first** [in want of] probity
 homo **cum primis** locuples..., man [is] **with the foremost** to be well-to-do / rich

pristinus, **pristina**, **pristinum**. 1 / 2 adjective
former, antique, ancient
pristinum animus erga populum, the ancient spirit is against the nation; **pro pristina amicitia**, on behalf of the
 former friendship; (legal basis for the concept of restitution) **in pristinum restituere**, restore to the original [state
 or condition]; **pristini diei perfidia**, the former treachery of the day

privatus, **privata**, **privatum**, adverb **privatim**. 1 / 2 adjective
deprived, robbed or stripped of something; set apart from the state
res quae ipsius erant privatae, (literal) things which are his own are private, (idiomatic) private property;
 (legal basis of a private citizen) **privato viro imperium extra ordinem dare**, outside the control of the govern-
 ment to give regulation, (legal basis to tax a private citizen) **tributum ex privato conferre**, to confer a tax from a
 private individual; (legal basis to discipline a person in private) **in privato animadvertere in eos**, in private I dis-
 cipline him; (legal basis to sell property to another private person) **vendidit in privatum**, sold for private use

Nota bene : **privatim**, spelling of the adverb

propinquus, **propinqua**, **propinquum**, comparative **propinquior**. 1 / 2 adjective
near, neighbouring; (time) hear, at hand, not far off
ex propinquo cognoscit, to know to be close [to something]; **in propinquo esse**, to be handy (phrase);
stipendi spem propinquam facere, to hope for speedy payment; **societas propinquorum**, to be near company
 (sense of companionship); **propinquus et amicus**, to be near or close to a friend; **te reddere caris propinquis**,
 you pay dear for 'crustaceans'; **virgo huius propinqua**, this near kinswoman

Nota bene : Additional background, concerning two of the above citations. Example :
stipendi spem propinquam facere. Noun : **spes, spei**. 5f. The noun's sense is more than a 'trusting'
 hope, but the expectation something wished for *will* occur. The anticipated feel of coins
 in the palm...!
te reddere caris propinquis. Noun : **caris, caridis**. 3f. A type of crustacean, either a sea-crab or a
 shrimp. Your dear relatives are 'crustaceans'. Some problems tangle through time...!

proximus, **proxima**, **proximum**, adverb **prope**. 1 / 2 adjective
 (physical proximity) **nearest, next, adjoining**; (sense of time) **next**; (relationship) **neighbour, kin**
paries proximus cubiculum, the wall next to the bedroom; **iniuriosi in proximos cubiculum**, damage to the
 next bedroom; **ab proximus impetrare Iulius**, Begae proximi sunt Germanis, the Belgians are near the Germans;
 next obtained by Julius; **in proximo hic**, this is next; **proximis superioribus diebus**, very near the previous days;
proxima nocte, the next night; **huic proxima incolumitatis**, the last safety [rescue]; **proximum est ergo ut**
quaeramus..., in search for the next...; **ut id habendum sit eo proximum, quod sit optimum**, that may be
 considered by the neighbour, the greatest good; **illa genere**, her family, cognatione **propinquitate**, family
 closeness; **quaesivit proximum**, he asked next; **proximus sum egomet mihi**, I am my nearest neighbour or
 nearest kin or I am my own best friend

publicus, publica, publicum. 1 / 2 adjective

of or belonging to the people, state or community

rem bene gerere publicam, the business of the state is to perform the public good; sacrificia publica ac privata bene, sacred to the public and private good; (legal) causam publicam dicere, the state says the cause [part of the opening statement in a criminal prosecution]; ne quid detrimenti res publica caperet, least any detriment befall the state; senatus consultis e re publica factis, the senate consults for the interest of the public good; aetatem a re publica procul, the lifespan of the state is far; nihil neque privati neque de publici, reliquisse..., there is nothing left whether public or private...; de publico convivari, of the public expense; frumenti quod inventum est, in publicum conferunt thesaurus, the grain is found in the public treasury; (tax farming) publicorum societates, of farmers of revenue; conducere publica, farm the public revenues; in publico, in public; pessimo publico facere, to the injury of the state; prodire in publicum, to go out in public or to appear in public

Nota bene : Additional background, concerning one of the above citations. Example :

sacrificia publica ac privata bene. Noun : **sacrificus, -a, -um.** 1 / 2 adjective. Of or pertaining to sacrificing, sacrificial; mindful of sacredness of religion, prey or public utterances. The use of the word provides insight into the centrality of religion in daily Roman life

res publica, phrase is often written as one word **respublica.** To avoid Divine wrath, use as indicated

purus, pura, purum, comparative purior, superlative purissimus, adverb pure. 1 / 2 adjective

free from dirt, free from admixture, clean, pure, unstained, unspotted

purum liquidumque haurire, to draw pure water; purissima mella, the purest honey-water (a water drink sweetened with honey); per purum, by a pure state or condition; (phrase) vita et pectore puro, life and a pure breast [the breast was the seat of emotion]; (phrase) animam puram conservare, to be free from sensuality; (public speech) oratio, genus dicendi, brevitatis, [public] address, the clans declared is concise

Q

quadratus, quadrata, quadratum, adverb quadrate. 1 / 2 adjective

(actual or figurative) squared, square-set; (construction, building) a block of stone, squared
agmine quadrate accedere, in solid column (a formation of soldiers for marching or fighting)

Nota bene : **agmen, agminis.** 3n. an army column of soldiers in formation, marching or attacking

quaestuosus, quaestuososa, quaestuosum, comparative quaestuosior, superlative quaestuosissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

gainful, profitable, advantageous, lucrative, productive
mercatura, hoc multo est quaestuosius, commerce, this is more profitable; benignitas quaestuosior, more kindness; quaestuosissima officina, the most profitable workshop

quantus, quanta, quantum. 1 / 2 adjective

quantus : adjective and correlative : how much, how many, how big. Adjectively often substantively as **quantum,** with genitive to mean : as much of...as, where : **quanti** substitutes for : **pretii** to mean : how high [a price], as high [a price] as, how dear, as dear as

quantus : adjective and adverb : how great, how much, of what amount. Adverbally as **quantum** to mean as much as **quam,** as **quanto** to mean, by how much, by as much as [tantus has a coordinating function]

tantus, tanta, tantum. 1 / 2 adjective

tantus : adjective and correlative : of such size, of such measure, so much, so great. Adjectively often substantively as **tantum** with genitive to mean : so much of, so many of, where **tanti** substitutes for **pretii** to mean : so high [a price], **id est,** the genitive of indefinite value; adverbially as : tantum to mean, so much, to Such degree; as tanto to mean, by so much [quantus has a coordinating function]

correlative : A correlative is a word that is paired with another, with the second answering to the first. In English a correlative often appears as a single grammatical phrase, within Latin as two separate phrases. Example :

tantus, -a, -um. so great
(quantity / size)

quantus, -a, -um. how great

tantus...quantus. as great / much / large as

numquam **tantum** turbam me vidisse memini **quanta** triumphum Caesaris heri spectavit

I do not remember ever having seen **so great a crowd** **as** watched Caesar's triumph yesterday

Nota bene : **pretium, -i.** 2n. (pecuniary) worth, price, value, cost; (employment) pay, hire, wage, reward; (crime) ransom, bribe, punishment

QUANTUSCUMQUE • QUANTUSLIBET • QUANTUSVIS

Brevity is Latin's strength and style, embodied in : **quantuscumque**, **quantuslibet** and **quantusvis**

quantuscumque, **quantacumque**, **quantumcumque**. 1 / 2 adjective. **however so great** [with a subjunctive verb], **however so little** [with a subjunctive verb]. Example :

quantacumque essent	However, they were so great
quantacumque petiveris	You asked, however were they so great
quantuscumque sim ad iudicandum	However so little my judgement may be worth
facultas, quae quantacumque in me sit	However so trifling I possess the ability

quantuslibet, **quantalibet**, **quantumlibet**. 1 / 2 adjective. **as great as you please**, **how great soever**, **ever so great**

quantalibet magnitudine hominis concipiatur amino	How great the extent of man to have received a soul
Sarraco veniente Gloria quantalibet quid erit	From the coming of the Wagon, what will any amount of Glory be worth?

quantusvis, **quantavis**, **quantumvis**. 1 / 2 adjective. **as much as you will**, **as great as you please**, **however great**

quantavis copias sustineri posse	As much as you will the troops have held up power
portum amplum quantaavis classis	The spacious harbor is as great as you please for the fleet

Nota bene : **sarracum**, -i. 2n. a heavy wagon, cart, dray (with two wheels and closed sides); the constellation, variously named : the Wain, Wagon, Great Bear

classis, **classis**. 3f. I). **Servius Tullius**, any one of his five divisions of Roman citizenry; II). the Roman army; III). the Roman fleet; and IIII). a group, rank, or class

queribundus, **queribunda**, **queribundum**. 1 / 2 adjective

wailing, **plaintive** (cry or call); **complaining**

(of persons) **totus lustrat queribunda penates**, he completely circles the hearth wailing; (of things) **magna et queribunda voce dicebat**, he said with a loud and wailing voice



R

rarus, **rara**, **rarum**, comparative **rarior**, superlative, **rarissimus**, adverb **raro**. 1 / 2 adjective

thin, **loose in texture**; **scattered**; **rare**; **few**; **sporadic**

vides habitari in terra raris et angustis in locis, you see the earth inhabited in scattered places and confined in places; **manat rara meas lacrima per genas**, flowing down my cheek tears drop by drop; **ut numquam conferti, sed rari magnisque intervallis proeliarentur**, never crowded, but in small parties and at great distance the soldiers fight in battle; **rara quidem facie, sed rarior arte canendi**, rare beauty indeed, but rarer in the art of singing

Nota bene : **proelior**, **proeliari**, **proeliatus sum** (1, deponent). **to fight** (in battle)

rectus, recta, rectum, comparative **rectior**, superlative **rectissimus**, adverb **recte**. 1 / 2 adjective

straight, upright; direct; honest; proper; morally right

recta regione iter instituere, to establish the direct itinerary for the journey; **recto litore**, directly along the shore; **iterque non agit in rectum**, his route is not going in the right direction; **mentes rectae quae stare solebant**, right minds they stand on account; **est lex nihil aliud nisi recta ratio**, the ratio of the law is right reason

regius, regia, regium. 1 / 2 adjective

of or pertaining to a king, kingly, regal, royal; magnificent, splendid, distinguished of a king

genus imperi proximum similitudini regiae, the imperial species approximately resembles royalty [Octavian had to be careful that imperial rule did not resemble the tyranny of the six kings of antiquity]; **regios nutus tueri**, the royal nod beholds (the granting of favours); **fama ad regios perlata**, fame and royalty carried (the day); **regia res est succurrere lapsis**, the royal rule helps the fallen

reliquus, reliqua, reliquum. 1 / 2 adjective

left, left over, remaining, surviving

et ex familia reliquus est Rufus, and from the family Rufus is left over; **illud breve vitae reliquum**, the short time of life left to them; **reliquum est, ut officiis certemus inter nos**, from now on, we should strive for offices; **quibus nihil, de bonis suis reliqui fecit**, they know nothing about the good things he did; **reliqua mea accepisse**; the rest is taken; **erat ei de ratiuncula apud me reliquom pauxillulum nummorum**, it was from a small calculation near left me a little bit of change; **reliquum populum distribuit in quinque classes**, the remainder of the population was distributed into five classes, Servius Tullius

Nota bene : **ratiuncula, -ae**. 1f. a little account, small calculation

auxillulus, -a, -um. 1 / 2 adjective. very little, very small

nummus, -i. 2m. a coin, piece of money

ridiculus, ridicula, ridiculum, adverb **ridicule**. 1 / 2 adjective

laughable, funny, amusing; silly, absurd, ridiculous

insania, que ridiculus est aliis, madness, which is laughable to others; **neque ridiculous esse possum**, I cannot be a buffoon

Romanus, Romana, Romanum, adverb **romane**. 1 / 2 adjective

of Rome, Roman

Senatus Populus Que Romanus, The Roman Senate and People; **maiestas populi Romani revixit**, The majesty of the Roman people is restored; **civis Romanus sum**, I am a Roman citizen

S

sacer, sacra, sacrum. 1 / 2 adjective

(to a divinity) **holy, sacred, divine, dedicated**; (to a divinity for sacrifice) **devoted**; (heavenly) **celestial, hallowed**; **sacer** declines nom masc sg **-er**, model **ager, -i**. 2m. field

sacer interpresque deorum Orpheus, Orpheus, the gods' sacred broker; **sacro Dianae celebris die**, Diana celebrated [on] the sacred day; **terra sacra deorum est**, land is sacred to the gods; **ut eius caput Iovi sacrum esset**, of him, being the head [high priest] of Jupiter [cult]; **Sacra via**, the Holy street [Rome, a street between the Forum and the Capitol]

Nota bene : **interpres, interpretis**. 3m / 3f. an agent between two parties, a broker; translator, interpreter

sacrilegus, sacrilega, sacrilegum, adverb **sacrilege**. 1 / 2 adjective

(to steal sacred things from a temple) **sacrilegious**; (to violate a sacred thing) **profane**, (not showing respect or reverence for a god) **impious** or **godless**

sacrilego poena est, hostem sacrorum religionumque, the penalty is stealing, the enemy has sacred and religious things; **omnes patricidae sacrilegi sunt**, all patricides are profane

sagittarius, sagittaria, sagittarium. 1 / 2 adjective

(armed with) **a bow and arrows, arrows**; (soldier) **archer, Bowman**; (constellation) **the Archer**

heri et haec dies, trecenti sagittarii funditoresque hostibus accipiebant, Yesterday and this day, three centuries of archers and slingers are attacking the enemy

Nota bene : **funditor, funditoris**. 3m. a slinger (A soldier who fights using a sling)

One notable attack during Rome's final campaign against Britain in 43 AD, occurred in Scotland

The Roman army besieged a chieftan's hill-top redoubt, among attacking forces were three companies of combined archers and slingers. The slingers used kiln-baked clay shot, notched to whistle-in-flight. It is suggested repeated volleys of arrows and whistling-shot, in addition to bodily harm, may have had a psychological effect. Archaeologists found more than a thousand extant shot

salvus, salva, salvum. 1 / 2 adjective

safe, well, sound, undamaged, unharmed, unscathed, unhurt, uninjured
hanc rem publicam salvam esse volumus, We wish this republic to be safe; *salvae sumus, we are all right;*
ne sim salvus, si..., May I die, if...; *quae oportet Signa esse ad salutem; matter being a Sign is saluted;*
Marco plurimam salutem, Marcus sends hearty greetings; *non redder salutem; not to return a greeting;*
salutem verbis tuis mihi nuntiarat, I have announced my greeting in your name

Nota bene : **signum, -i. 2n.** (a visible indication) **sign, mark, seal.** Antiquity placed much moment on signs, marks, and seals; for the gesture may be either tangible or ethereal with import being metaphorical or prophetic

sanus, sana, sanum, comparative sanior, adverb sane. 1 / 2 adjective

(body) healthy; (mind) sound, rational; (behaviour) correct, sensible, discreet, sober, chaste
si noles sanus, if not to be healthy; *eos sanos intellegi necessesse est; it is necessary you understand they are*
healthy; *nihil erat in eius oratione, there was nothing in his prayer; [If the gods do not favour you, do the*
following...] *senescentem sanus equum..., a healthy aging horse... [for sale]*

sceleratus, scelerata, sceleratum, comparative sceleratior, superlative sceleratissimus. 1 / 2 adjective

(behaviour) criminal, wicked, infamous; (result of behaviour) hurtful, harmful, noxious, pernicious, poisoned
hominum sceleratorum, infamous men; *esse Graeciam sceleratissimorum, Greece being [a] criminal [country];*
ira poenaque, anger and punishment; ille est sceleratus ferox, That man is a fierce criminal

secundus, secunda, secundum. 1 / 2 adjective

(noun and adjective) second; following; next; inferior; secondary; favourable

secundum, -i. 2n.

(preposition with accusative) after, along; next to; in favour of; in conformity with; according; (adverb) after; along; next

SECUNDUS • SECUNDUM

In time or order, following, next, second :

secundo lumine, the next morning; anno secundo, the next year; *me secundum heredem instituire, according to my secondary heir; hoc secunda victoria accidit, this secondary victory [has] already happened*

In rank, following, next, second :

ex primo ordine in secundum ordinem civitatis venisse, from the first order, in the second row, the citizens came; haec erit a mensis fine secunda dies, this will be the month's second last day

Secondary, subordinate, inferior :

panis est argentum vena secundae, (phrase) bread is the second silver vein, [bread and games kept the mob]; persona in actoribus Graecis, qui est secundarum partium, a person is a doer in Greece, who is elsewhere secondary

Of currents or winds, favourable and fair :

secundo flumine iter facere, with the current; navis mari secundo misit, with the tide; secundissimus ventus, very favourable winds

Favourable, propitious, fortunate :

secundo populo aliquid facere, the second time to do the peoples' [will]; rumor praesentibus ac secundis diis; fame was spread with assistance of the gods; mens rebus sublata secundis, matters of the mind are raised favourably

In space, following, by, along, beside :

iter secundum mare facere, to make the sea journey; castra secundum mare munire, to strengthen the camp beside the sea

In time or order, immediately after, after, next to :

secundum binos ludos mihi respondere, I respond after two games; quietem, after going to sleep / peace / quiet

In rank, next to, after :

proxime et secundum deos homines hominibus maxime utiles esse possunt, close to humans and gods, humans can be specially useful; secundum deos nomen Romanum venerari, according to the Roman gods revered name

Agreeably to, in accordance with, accord :

secundum naturam fluminis procumbere, according to the natural down flow of the river [down stream]; secundum tabulas testamenti possessionem dare, in accordance with the tablets given in possession

According to the will of, in favour, to advantage :

secundum nos iudicare, give judgement in our favour; secundum causam nostrum disputare, according to cause, our discussion, secundum iudices, according to the jury

- securus**, **secura**, **securum**, comparative **securior**, adverb **secure**. 1 / 2 adjective
 free from care, unconcerned; careless; untroubled; nonchalant; (free from danger) safe, secure
 ut securus bellum..., that there be safety from war...; de lingua Latina securi es animi, from the Latin language set your mind at ease; Romani securi pro salute de Gloria certabant..., Roman security, from thy glory, for salvation, fights...; nullum locum securum esse sinere, not any place allowed to be a place of safety
- serius**, **seria**, **serium**. 1 / 2 adjective
 grave, earnest, serious
 rem seriam agere mecum, a serious matter to do with me; dies religiosus ad agendum quicquam rei seriae, a religious day with an agenda for serious matters; verba seria dictucum, grave words spoken
- severus**, **severa**, **severum**, comparative **severior**, superlative **severissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
 grave, strict, austere, stern, severe; forbidding
 civis severus et gravis, a grave and serious citizen; severissimi iudices, the very strict judges; imperia severiora, graver commands
- sinister**, **sinistra**, **sinistrum**. 1 / 2 adjective
 (relative direction) left, left hand; (condition) perverse, bad, adverse, hostile; (religion) auspicious for Romans, inauspicious for Greeks; (synonym) laevus, left, unfortunate; scaevus, left, on the left side; (antonym) dexter, right; sinister declines nom masc sg -er, model ager, -i. 2m. field
 in sinistro cornu, on the left wing; a sinistra, on the left; notus pecori sinister, the left-known breed or the known-left rabble; studiosa sinistri, of evil or inclined to wrongdoing
- sollicitus**, **sollicita**, **sollicitum**, comparative **sollicitior**. 1 / 2 adjective
 agitated, restless; in a state of turmoil; uneasy, apprehensive; accompanied by anxiety or uneasiness
 omnis sollicitos habui, keep stirring (idiomatic phrase, sense : to keep thinking); ne sollicitus sis, do not trouble yourself; quid magis sollicitum dici potest, what could be more troubling / distressing; senatus sollicitus petendum esse auxilium arbitrabatur, the Senate should be asked for help; solliciti et incerti rerum suarum, the worry and uncertainty of his situation; pro vobis sollicitior, more concerned about you
- stultus**, **stulta**, **stultum**, comparative **stultior**, superlative **stultissimus**, adverb **stulte**. 1 / 2 adjective
 (behaviour) foolish, fatuous, silly, stupid; (ability) inept; (reasoning) ill-considered, ill-thought
 qui est dictus in stultus, Who is called a fool?; quid autem stultius quam..., What is more foolish than to...?; stulto intellegens quid interest..., What a difference [there is] between a fool and understand[ing]...; stultorum plena sunt omnia, fools are everywhere
- summus**, **summa**, **summum**. 1 / 2 adjective
 highest, greatest, very great; chief, principal; the farthest, the utmost, the extreme
 (highest geographical place) summis saxis fixus iugum montis, the rock ridge is fixed to the summit of the mountain; summus mons, the top of the mountain; feriunt summos fulgura montis, the lightning hit the top of the mountain; in summa Sacra via, the highest Via Sacra (an illusion to gods travelling the heavens); (in general, highest or greatest) summa voce, at the highest or loudest voice; (highest or greatest rank or degree) summo magistratui praeesse, to preside over the highest magistrate; (expressions of highest import) summo rei publicus tempore, at the highest crisis at the time; socium summis adiungere rebus, sharing the highest matters; agere summo iure tecum, [to] deal with you most rightly or deservedly

GRAMMAR AND GRAPES

in triclinio, summus ego et prope me. In the dining room, I am the highest and near to me

In the choicest dining rooms of Rome's elite, the circular dinner table was surrounded on three sides by couches on which diners reclined. Each couch had three places. The couch on the left and the left place on each couch was described as **summus**

Guests were often placed on the left couch, **in summo**; the head of the family and thus the host reclined on the left of the opposite couch, **summus in imo**



superbus, superba, superbum, comparative **superbior**, superlative **superbissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective
 (negative sense) **proud, rude, supercilious, arrogant, haughty, uncivil, insolent, discourteous**
 (positive sense) **proud, superior, superb, excellent, distinguished, splendid, magnificent**
utrum superbiorum te pecunia facit, money makes you prouder; homines superbissimi, the most arrogant men;
lex superbissima, the proudest law; aures quarum est iudicium superbissimum, ears are most wonderful judges

superus, supera, superum, comparative **superior**, superlative **superimus** or **summus**. 1 / 2 adjective
above, upper, higher
ad superos deos potius quam ad inferos pervenisse, to the upper world of the gods, rather than to have
arrived at the Netherworld; omnes supera alta tenentes, all the heights above; lunam, stellas, supera denique
omnia stare censet, the moon, the stars, all things above at last stand stationary; de loco superiore dicere,
(idiomatic) to say from the tribunal; ex superiore et ex inferiore scriptura docendum, from the highest part and
from the lowest part to teach the scripture; superiores solis defectiones, superioribus diebus, of eclipses of the
sun, during the preceding days; hostis equitatu superiores esse intellegebat, he perceived the enemy were
superior in cavalry; supremo in monte, in / on the highest mountain; in te suprema salus, in your last hope,
supreme Iuppiter, supreme Jupiter

T

tacitus, tacita, tacitum. 1 / 2 adjective
passed in silence, not spoken of, kept secret, unmentioned
duo epistulae tacita relinquenda, two letters should be left unspoken [unanswered]; ut tacitum iudicium ante
comitia fieret, to adjourn the trial before the election; si mori tacitum, oportet, taceamus, if you die in silence, it
is necessary, let us be silent; ut forte legentum tacitum, we may get to read silently

tantus, tanta, tantum. 1 / 2 adjective
of such size, of such measure; so much, so great + clause of comparison
tanta modestia dicto audiens fuit ut si privatus esset, He obeyed the command of extra ordinary self-restraint,
[as] if he were a private citizen; neque solum in tantis rebus, sed etiam in mediocribus studiis, Not only in
matters of such importance, but also involved in studies; habere tantum molestiae, quantum gloriae, They have
so much discomfort, as much as the glory. tantus as a colloquial expression. Example :

tantum est....	(colloquial) That's all...or Nothing more...
tanto melior...	(colloquial) So much better... or Well done...
tanto nequior...	(colloquial) So much worse...

tardus, tarda, tardum, comparative **tardior**, superlative **tardissimus**, adverb **tarde**. 1 / 2 adjective
 (behaviour) **slow, sluggish, tardy, late; (intellect) dull, stupid**
velox an tardus sit, being either quick or slow; ubi reliquos esse tardiores vidit, when he saw the rest being
slow; tardior ad iudicandum, too slow to judge; frumentum tarda subvectio, the slow transportation of grain;
si qui forte sit tardior, if any of them happen to be too slow

togatus, togata, togatum. 1 / 2 adjective
dressed in or wearing a toga (adjective often used to refer to a citizen, custom, or social status)
ut togatus mandata senatus audiret, that the senate would hear the commandments of his toga [togatus,
substantive adjective, reference an un-named senatorial colleague]; cui uno togato supplicationem
decreverit senatus, by means of one citizen, the senate decreed a thanksgiving; Graeculus modo palliatus
modo togatus, now at one time [a]Grecian cloak, at another in a [Roman] toga [togatus, substantive adjective
and social custom]; cum magna caterva togatorum, with a great mob of free born citizens; multitudo togatorum,
a multitude of citizens; quasi unus e togatorum numero, as if one from the common herd; sportula turbae
rapienda togatae, the toga wearing mob snatched the sportula basket; ancilla togata, a loose woman

Nota bene : Roman society was hierarchal, with strict social divisions. **togatus** accents these partitions. From
 a lofty line by a senate-colleague to a 'loose' woman. On offer, social insight and gratuitous grit...

pallium, -i. 2n. a **cloak** and **palliatus**, -a, -um. 1 / 2 adjective. **dressed wearing a pallium, a cloak**
caterva, -ae. 1f. a **crowd, a band, a troop** (translate and interpreted as : **free born citizens**)
sportula, -ae. 1f. a **small basket** (from which to distribute beneficiaries to citizens or clients)
ancilla, -ae. 1f. a **maid or a slave-girl** (**ancilla togata** : in this instance, usurped social status)
modo. adverb (non declinable). singular : **recently, just now**; paired : **at one time...at another...**

tutus, tuta, tutum, comparative **tutior**, superlative **tutissimus**, adverb **tute**. 1 / 2 adjective
safe, secure; watchful; free from risk; that may safely be trusted
nullius res tuta...contra tuam cupiditatem, no man's affairs are safe...contrary to your avarice; **quis locus tam firmum habuit praesidium ut tutus esset**, who is so strongly defended, as to be safe; **tutissima custodia**, the most prudent guardian; **est et fideli tuta silentio...**, there is a sure safety in the silence of...; **non est tua tuta voluntas**, your safety is not without choice; **testudinem tutam ad omnes ictus video esse**, I see the tortoise who is secure against all attacks; **animum ad honestiora quam tutiora convertere**, to turn the mind to more honourable [matters] than safe[ty]...

Nota bene : **testudo, testudinis**. 3f. **tortoise, turtle, tortoise-shell**; (extension) **lyre, lute**; (extension, military) **covering, shed, shelter**; (extension, buildings) **arch, vault**

U

ultimus, ultima, ultimum, positive **ulter**. 1 / 2 adjective

last; utmost; farthest; greatest, lowest, meanest, least; latest; earliest

ulter, ultra, ultrum, comparative **ulterior**, superlative **ultimus**, adverb **ultra**. 1 / 2 adjective

that is beyond; ulter declines nom masc sg -er, model ager, -i. 2m. **field**

luna quae ultima a caelo lucebat, the moon which is the farthest from heaven was shining; **in ultimam provinciam se coniecit**, in the most remote part of the province they were thrown together; **qua terrarium ultimum finit oceanus**, where the land and ocean finish; **ultima signant**, they marked the goal [phrase : the goal attained]; **ultimi temporis recordatio, memoria pueritiae**, of the last time, a remembrance, a memory of boyhood; **de duro est ultima ferro**, the last of the hard steel; **summum bonum, quod ultimum appello**, the highest good, which is the ultimate appeal; **ad ultimum periculi pervenire**, to reach the ultimate trial; **vigiliis et labore cum ultimus militum certare**, with sleeplessness and work, the lowest soldiers wrestle

urbanus, urbana, urbanum, comparative **urbanior**, superlative **urbanissimus**. 1 / 2 adjective

of or belonging to the city; in Rome; elegant, sophisticated, witty; polished, refined

vitam urbanam atque otium secutus sum, I have followed the town life and leisure; **hominem ut nunc loquimur urbanum**, a person may speak urbanely; **in isto genere urbanissimus**, most refined in that respect

V

vacuus, vacua, vacuum. 1 / 2 adjective

(physical presence) **empty, void, vacant**; (void, vacuum) **devoid, free, without**; (void, time) **free, unoccupied**
femina dixit poculum vacuum esse, The woman said that the cup was empty; **ager frugum vacuus**, a field empty of produce; **vacuos dies habere**, to have empty days or to have idle time

varius, varia, varium. 1 / 2 adjective

(colour and appearance) **variegated, party-coloured, mottled, diverse, various**

varium poema, different poem; **varia oratio, various speech**; **varii mores, various manners**; **varia fortuna, with different results**; **voluptas varia dici solet**, it is usually varied pleasure; **curricula multiplicium variorumque sermonum, multiple courses of various events**; **Plato varius et multiplex fuit**, Plato was varied and complex

vivus, viva, vivum. 1 / 2 adjective

alive, living; (inanimate, properties like a living thing) **moving, fresh, uncut**

duo ex una familia, vivo utroque, two members of one family and I live by both; **vivos videntique pereo**, he sees the quick kill; **Ruffo adfirmat, se vivo illum non triumphaturum**, Ruffus confirms to himself that living is not about to triumph

voluntarius, voluntarii. 2m adjective

(person) **volunteer**; (act or behaviour) **willing, of free-will, voluntary, self-constituted**

Ille cum armis voluntarius adest, That man is a volunteer with weapons; **si est voluntarium**, it is voluntary

