

Latin Nouns and adjectives

The citation form for nouns (the one normally shown in Latin dictionaries) is the Latin nominative singular, but this typically does not exhibit the root form from which English nouns are generally derived.

Latin nouns and adjectives			
Citation form	Declining stem	Meaning	English derivatives
acer	acer-	maple	aceric
acer	acr-	sharp	acrid, acrimony
acerbus	acerb-	bitter	acerbic, acerbity, exacerbate
acervus	acerv-	heap	acerval, acervate, acervose, Acervulinacea , acervulus
acētum	acēt-	vinegar	acetabulum , acetate , acetic
acinus	acin-	berry	acinaceous, acinarius, aciniform, acinose, acinous
acus	acu-	needle	acuity, acumen, acupuncture , acute , acutifoliate, acutilingual
adeps	adip-	fat	adipose
aedificium	aedifici-	building	aedicule , aedile , edification, edifice
aequus	aequ-, -iqu-	even, level	adequacy, adequate, equable, equal, equality , equanimity , equant , equation , equative , equator , equatorial, equitable, equity, equivalence, equivalent, inadequacy, inadequate, inequality, iniquity
aes	aer-	ore	aeruginous, aerugite , aerugo, eruginous
aevum	aev-	age, eon	age, coeval, eviternal, longevity , mediaeval , nonage, primaeval
ager	agr-, -egr-	field	agrarian, agrestal, agriculture , peregrine, pilgrim , pilgrimage

ala	al-	wing	alar, alate , aliferous, aliform, aligerous
alacer	alacr-	quick	alacrity
albus	alb-	dull white	alb , albarium , albedo , albinism , albino, albite , album, albumen , albumin
alius	ali-	other	alias , alibi , alien
amplus	ampl-	ample	amplification, amplitude
anguis	angu-	snake	Anguidae , anguiform, anguilliform, anguine
angulus	angul-	corner	angular, angulose, quadrangle, triangle
anima	anim-	breath, soul, life	animal , animate, animation , animator, inanimate
animus	anim-	mind, anger	animosity, unanimous
annus	ann-, -enn-	year	anniversary , annual, annuity, biannual , biennial, millennium , perennial
ānser	ānser-	goose	anserine
aqua	aqu-	water	akvavit , aqua vitae , aquaculture , aquamarine , aquarelle , aquarium , Aquarius , aquatic, aquatile, aqueduct , aqueous , aquifer , aquiferous, aquiform
aquila	aquil-	eagle	Aquila , aquiline
arbor	arbor-	tree	arboreal, arboretum
argentum	argent-	silver	argent, Argentina
arma	arm-		armada, armature, armistice , armor , army
ars	art-	art, skill	artifact , artificial, artisan
artus	art-	joint	articular , articulate, articulation, coarticulation
asinus	asin-	donkey	asinine
audāx	audāc-	brave, bold	audacious, audacity

auris	aur-	ear	aural, auricle , auriform
aurum	aur-	gold	aurate, aureate, aureole
avis	avi-	bird	Aves , avian, aviary , aviation
avunculus	avuncul-	uncle , mother's brother	avuncular , uncle
bacca	bac-	berry	baccate, bacciferous, bacciform, baccivorous
beatus	beat-	blessed	beatification , Beatitudes
bellum	bell-	war	antebellum , bellicose , belligerence , rebel , rebellion , revel
bellus	bell-	pretty	embellish, embellishment
bene	ben-	good	benediction, benefactor, benefit, benign, benignity
bestia	besti-	animal	bestial, bestiary
bini	bin-	two each	binary , binate, combination
bonus – melior – optimus	bon- – melior- – optim-	good – better – best	bonbon , bonify, bonitary, bonus – ameliorate, meliority – optimal, optimist
bōs	bov-	cow, ox	bovine , bovinic acid
bracchium	brac-	arm, support	embrace, braces, bracelet
brevis	brev-	brief, short	abbreviation , breve , brevet, breviary , brevity
bucca	bucc-	cheek, mouth , cavity	buccal, buccinator muscle
bulbus	bulb-	bulbous	bulb, bulbose, bulbous, bulbule
bullā	bull-	bubble, flask	ebullient, ebullism
bursa	burs-	pouch, purse	bourse, bursa, bursar , bursary , disburse

butyrum	butyr-	butter	butyric
calx	calc- -culc-	heel	inculcate
calx	calc-	limestone, pebble	calciform, calcite , calcium , calculus, calculation
camera	camer-	vault	bicameral, camera
campus	camp-	field	camp, campaign, camping , campus, champion
candela	candel-	candle	candela , candelabra , candelabrum, chandelier , chandler, chandlery
canis	can-	dog	canary, canicule, canid , canine, Canis Major
caper	capr-	goat	capric , Capricorn , caprine
capillus	capill-	hair	capillaries, capilliform
capsa	caps-	box, case	capsule, case, chassis, encapsulation
caput	capit- , - cipit-	head	cape , capital, capitulate, capo , decapitation , precipice, precipitation , precipitous
carbo	carbon-	coal	carbon , Carboniferous
carcer	carcer-	jail	incarceration
cardo	cardin-	hinge	cardinal
caro	carn-	flesh	carnage , carnal, carnary , carnation, carneous , carnival, carnivore , carnose , carnosity , charnel, incarnate, incarnation, reincarnate, reincarnation
casa	cas-		casino
caseus	case-	cheese	caseic, casein
castus	cast-, - cest-	pure	caste , chaste, chastity , incest

catena	caten-	chain	catenary, catenative, concatenation
cauda	caud-, cod-	tail	caudal, coda
caulis	caul-, col-	stalk, stem	caulicle, cauliflorous, cauline
causa	caus-, - cus-		accusative, causality, causative
cavus	cav-	hollow	cave , cavity, concave, excavation, excavator
celeber	celebr-	famous	celebration, celebrity
celer	celer-	quick	accelerant, acceleration , accelerator, celerity
centeni	centen-	hundred each	centenary
centesimus	centesim-	hundredth	centesimal, centesimation
centum	cent-	hundred	cent, centennial, centurion
cera	cer-	wax	ceraceous, cereous, ceresin
certus	cert-	certain	certiorari , certitude
cervix	cervīc-	neck	cervical, cervix
cervus	cerv-	deer	cervid, Cervidae, cervine
ceterus	ceter-	other	et cetera
cilium	cili-	eyelash	cilia, supercilious
cinis	ciner-	ashes	cinereous, cinerin, incinerator
circus	circ-	circle	circular, circus
cirrus	cirr-	curl, tentacle	cirrus
cīvis	cīv-	citizen	civil, civilian , civility

clarus	clar-	clear	clarify, clarity, declaration , declarative, declaratory, declare
clāvicula	clāvicul-	little key	clavicle
clavis	clav-	key	clavier
clemens	clement-	mild	clemency , clement, inclement
collis	coll-	hill	colliculus
collum	coll-	neck	collar
color	color-	color	Colorado , coloration, coloratura , discolor, tricolor
colum	col-	strainer	colander , percolate
cor	cord-	heart	accord, concordance, concordat , cordate, cordial, cordiform, core, courage, discord, discordant, obcordate, record
corbis	corb-	basket	corb, corf
corium	cori-		coriaceous, excoriate
cornū	corn-	horn	bicorn, Capricorn , cornea , corniform, cornucopia, unicorn
corona	coron-	crown	corona , coronation , coroniform
corpus	corpor-	body	corporal , corporation , corporeal, corps, corpse, corpulent, corpuscle, incorporation
cortex	cortic-	bark , rind	corticosteroid
corvus	corv-	raven	corbel , corvine
costa	cost-	rib	coast , costal
coxa	cox-	hip	coxal
crapula	crapul-		crapulence, crapulent
cras	cras-	tomorrow	procrastinate , procrastination
crassus	crass-	thick	crass, crassitude

cratis	crat-		crate
creta	cret-	chalk	cretaceous
cribrum	cribr-	sieve	cribble, cribellum , cribrate, cribriform
crimen	crimin-		criminal
crispus	crisp-	curled	crispate
crista	crist-	crest	cristate
crus	crur-	leg, shank	crural
crux	cruc-	cross	crucial, cruciate , crucifer, cruciferous , crucifix , crucifixion , cruciform , crucify, crusade, excruciating
culex	culic-	gnat	Culex , culiciform, culicifuge, culicine, Culicivora
culina	culin-	kitchen	culinarian, culinary
culpa	culp-	blame, fault	culpable, culprit , exculpate, exculpatory
cuneus	cune-	wedge	cuneate, cuneiform
cura	cur-	care	accuracy , accurate, curator , cure , curious, procurator, secure, security
curtus	curt-	shortened	curt, curtail
curvus	curv-	bent	curvature , curviform
cuspis	cuspid-	tip	bicuspid
cutis	cut-	hide, skin	cutaneous, cuticle , subcutaneous
damnum	damn- -demn-	harm	condemn , damage, damnation , indemnity
decem	decem-	ten	December , decemfid, decempedal, decemviri
decimus	decim-	tenth	decimal , decimate, decimation
decus	decor-		decorous, decorum

deni	den-	ten each	denarius , denary, dinero
dens	dent-	tooth	dental, dentiform, dentifrice, denture, indent, trident
densus	dens-	thick	condensation , condense, density
deus	de-	god	deification, deiform, deity
dexter	dextr-	right	dexterity, dexterous, dextral , dextrin , dextrose
diēs	diē-	day	dial, diary , diurnal, diurnality , meridian , quotidian
digitus	digit-	finger , toe	digit , digital, digitiform
dignus	dign-	worthy	condign , deign , dignify , dignitary , dignity , disdain , indignant , indignation , indignity
discipulus	discipul-	student	disciple, discipline
dominus	domin-	lord	domain, dominate, dominion
domus	dom-	house	dome , domestic, domesticate, domicile
dorsum	dors-	back	dorsal, indorse
dos	dot-	dowry	dotal, dotation
dulcis	dulc-	sweet	douce, dulcet, dulcian , dulcimer
duo	du-	two	dual, duality, dubious, duet, duo, duplex
durus	dur-	hard	durability, durable , duration , durative , duress , endurance , endure, obdurate
ensis	ens-	sword	ensiform
equus	equ-	horse	equestrian , equine
eruca	eruc-	caterpillar	eruciform
fabā	fab-	bean	fabā bean , fabaceous
faber	fabr-		fabric

faenum	faen-	hay	
falx	falc-	sickle	falcate, falciform
fames	fam-	hunger	famine , famished
fanum	fan-	temple	profanity
fascis	fasc-	bundle	fasciculation
fatuus	fatu-	foolish, useless	fatuous, infatuation
fauces	fauc-, - foc-	throat	faucal, suffocate
febris	febr-	fever	febrifacient, febriferous, febrifuge, febrile
fēlēs	fēl-	cat	felid, Felinae , feline
fēlix	fēlic-	happy	felicitations, felicitous, felicity
fēmina	fēmin-	woman	effeminate, femininity
femur	femor-	thigh	femoral, femur
fenestra	fenestr-	window	defenestration
ferox	feroc-	fierce	ferocious, ferocity
ferrum	ferr-	iron	ferrate, ferrite , ferreous, ferrous, ferruginous, ferrugo
ferus	fer-	wild	feral, ferine, ferocious, ferocity, fierce
feudum	feud-	fee	feudal
ficus	fic-	fig	Ficus
fides	fid-	faith, trust	affiance, affiant, affidavit, confidence, confidential, fidelity, infidel , infidelity, perfidy
filia filius	fili- fili-	daughter son	affiliation, filial

filum	fil-	thread	bifilar, filament , filiferous, filiform
finis	fīn-	end, limit	affine, affinity, confine, confinement, confines, confinity, define, definite, definition, definitive, equifinality , final, finality, finance , fine, finesse, finish, finite, indefinite, infinite, infinity , infinite , prefinite, redefine, refine, refinement, refinery, transfinite
firmus	firm-	firm	affirm, affirmation, affirmative, confirm, confirmation , firmament , infirm, infirmary
fiscus	fisc-	basket	confiscation, fiscal
fistula	fistul-	pipe, tube	fistula , fistulate
flaccus	flacc-	flabby	flaccid
flavus	flav-	yellow	flavin , flavivirus , flavonoid
flōs	flōr-	flower	flora , floral, floret, floriculture , florid, floriferous, floriform, florist, floruit , flourish, inflorescence
focus	foc-	hearth	bifocal, focal, trifocal
foedus	foeder-		confederation, federal
folium	foli-	leaf	bifoliate, defoliant , foliage, foliation, foliature, folic acid , foliferous, folio, foliole, foliose, foliosity, folivore , portfolio, trifoliate
follis	foll-	bellows	follicle, follicular
fons	font-	fountain , spring	font, fontal, fontanelle
foris	for-	outdoors	foreclose, foreign, forest, forum
fōrma	fōrm-	form, shape	biform, conform, conformance, conformant, conformity , deform, deformation, deformity , formal, formality, formant , format, formation, formative, formula , formulary , inform, informal, informality, informant, information, informative, perform, performance, reform, reformation , reformatory , transform , transformative, transformation, uniform, uniformity

formica	formic-	ant	formic
formus	form-	warm	
fornix	fornic-	vault	fornication , forniciform
fors	fort-	luck	fortuitous, fortuity, fortunate, fortune
fortis	fort-	strong	comfort, effort, force , forte, fortification , fortify, fortis , fortissimo, fortitude
fovea	fove-	shallow round depression	fovea , foveal, foveole
frāter	frātr-	brother	fraternal, fraternity , fratricide
fraus	fraud-	fraud	defraud, fraudulent
frequens	frequent-	often	frequency , frequentative
frōns	front-	forehead	affront, confront, front, frontage, frontal
frustum	frust-	piece	frustule , frustulent, frustum
frūx	frūg-	fruit	frugal
fulvus	fulv-		fulvic acid, fulvid, fulvous
fūmus	fūm-	smoke	fumacious, fumage, fumarine, fumarole, fumatorium, fume, fumigation, perfume
fundus	fund-	bottom	found, foundation, fundamentalism , profound, profundity
fungus	fung-	mushroom	fungal, fungicide, fungiform
funis	fun-	rope	funicular
fur	fur-	thief	furuncle
furca	furc-	fork	bifurcation, furcate, furcula
furtum	furt-	theft	furtive

fuscus	fusc-	dark	fuscation, fuscine, fuscous, obfuscation
gelu	gel-		congeal, gel , gelatin , gelid, gelignite
gens	gent-		gens , gentile, gentility, gentle
genu	genu-	knee	genuflection
genus	gener-	birth, offspring, creation	degenerate, engender, gender, general, generation , generator, generic, generosity, generous, genre, genuine, genus
glacies	glaci-	ice	glacial, glaciation , glacier , glacis
gladius	gladi-	sword	gladiator, gladiolus
gluten	glutin-	glue	agglutination, glutelin , gluten , glutinosity, glutinous
gracilis	gracil-		gracile, gracility
gradus	grad-	step	degrade, gradation, grade, gradient, gradine, gradual, graduation, prograde, retrograde
grandis	grand-		grandeur, grandiloquent, grandiose, grandiosity
granum	gran-	grain	granary, granite , granular, granule
gratus	grat-		congratulations, congratulatory, disgrace, grace, gratify, gratis, gratitude, gratuitous, gratulation
gravis	grav-	heavy	aggravate, gravamen, grave , gravid, gravida , gravidity, gravitation , gravity, grieve, grievance
grex	greg-	flock, herd	aggregate , aggregation, aggregator, congregate, congregation, egregious, gregarious, segregate, segregation
grossus	gross-	thick	engross, gross
gula	gul-		gullet, gully
gurgus	gurgit-		regurgitate
gustus	gust-	taste	disgust, gustatory, gusto

gutta	gutt-	drop	gout, guttifer, guttiform
guttur	guttur-	throat	guttural

Original usage from *Odes 1.11*, in Latin and English:

Tu ne quaesieris, scire nefas, quem mihi, quem tibi	Don't ask (it's forbidden to know) what end
finem di dederint, Leuconoe, nec Babylonios	the gods have granted to me or you, Leuconoe. Don't play with Babylonian
temptaris numerous; ut melius, quidquid erit, pati.	fortune-telling either. How much better it is to endure whatever

seu plaris hiemes seu
tribuit Iuppiter
ultimam,

quae nunc oppositis
debilitat pumicibus
mare

Tyrrhenum; sapias,
vina liques et spatio
breui

spem longam reseces;
dum loquimur, fugerit
invida aetas: **carpe**

will be!

Whether Jupiter has
allotted to sink you
many more winters or
this final one

which even now wears
out the Tyrrhenian sea
on the rocks placed
opposite

— be wise, be truthful,
strain the wine, and
scale back your long
hopes

to a short period.

While we speak,
envious time will have

diem, quam minimum {already} fled:
credula postero.

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And now 'tis done: more
durable than brass
My monument shall be,
and raise its head
O'er royal pyramids: it
shall not dread
Corroding rain or angry
Boreas,
Nor the long lapse of
immemorial time.
I shall not wholly die:
large residue
Shall 'scape the queen of
funerals. Ever new
My after fame shall grow,
while pontiffs climb
With silent maids the
Capitolian height.

Exegi Monumentum.

Exegi monumentum
aere perennius
regalique situ
pyramidum altius,
quod non imber
edax, non Aquilo
inpotens
possit diruere aut
innumerabilis
annorum series et
fuga temporum.
Non omnis moriar
multaque pars mei
uitabit Libitinam;
usque ego postera
crescam laude
recens, dum
Capitolium

"Born," men will say,
"where Aufidus is loud,
Where Daunus, scant of
streams, beneath him
bow'd

The rustic tribes, from
dimness he wax'd bright,
First of his race to wed
the Aeolian lay
To notes of Italy." Put
glory on,

My own Melpomene, by
genius won,
And crown me of thy
grace with Delphic bay.

scandet cum tacita
uirgine pontifex.
Dicar, qua uiolens
obstrepit Aufidus
et qua pauper aquae
Daunus agrestium
regnauit populorum,
ex humili potens
princeps Aeolium
carmen ad Italos
deduxisse modos.
Sume superbiam
quaesitam meritis et
mihi Delphica
lauro cinge uolens,
Melpomene,
comam.

Persona: persona, personne, persona, pessoa, person,
Libertas: Liberta', libertee, liberty, libertad, libertade.

1.4.6. The Aim of Poetry

Horace's definition of the aim of poetry is perhaps the most widely known, though not often in the original:

The aim of the poet is either to benefit, or to amuse, or to make his words at once please and give lessons of life.

These are three different aims, and not just one ("*delectare et docere*"), as is often affirmed. It is clear, however, that Horace favours the third, a combination of pleasure and profit. In his epistle to Augustus (a more formal piece than the *Art of poetry*), he speaks of two aims: to teach, and to placate the anger of the gods. The poets were the first civilisers of mankind, those who taught men to tell good from bad, to establish laws and to worship the gods. Horace interprets in this way the myths of Orpheus and Amphion.

But there is another aim of poetry which is more pervasive in the *Ars poetica*. Writing good poems which instruct or delight is only the means to the real end, which is to achieve fame and immortality through one's works. This aspiration is more in tune with Horace's urban approach to poetry and criticism, and can be seen more clearly in some of his odes, for instance "Exegi monumentum aere perennius":

I have built a monument more lasting than bronze,

Taller than the massive ruins of the kingly Pyramids.

Rain will not damage my work, and the violent northern wind

Will not be able to destroy it, nor will the innumerable

Succession of years and the flight of time.

I shall not die for good: most of me

Will escape the death-goddess Libitine.

I will keep on growing, forever young with the praise of years to come,

As long as the Pontifex ascends the Capitol,

The silent virgin by his side.

It will be said that, after being born in the country where the violent Aufidus roars,

Where dry Daunus governed a race of rough men,

I elevated myself out of my humble condition and was the first

To fit aeolic songs into Italian airs.

Dress yourself, Melpomene, in pride equal to my merits,

And willingly wreath my locks with Delphic laurel.