

An Essential Latin Vocabulary: The 300 Most Common Latin Words

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Nouns & Adjectives

1st Declension

terra(74), vita(85), causa(130), cura(155), puella(164), natura(189), aqua(197), via(205), gratia(238), fortuna(245), littera(250), patria(266),

2nd Declension - Masculine

deus(32), locus(65), dominus(67), modus(71), animus(73), vir(75), annus(101), puer(103), filius(108), amicus(172), populus(194), oculus(222), equus(232), mundus(298)

2nd Declension - Neuter

caelum(106), verbum(131), bellum(138), arma(168), consilium(206), studium(229), regnum(241), aurum(252), fatum(256), ingenium(268), signum(277), castra(295)

1st & 2nd Declension - Adjectives

multus(46), magnus(48), tantus(61), bonus(87), malus(92), longus(105), sanctus(151), verus(152), maximus(163), ceterus(167), novus(186), certus(213), medius(215), sacer(216), altus(219), cunctus(221), publicus(230), miser(243), ferus(280), plenus(289), dignus(292),

3rd Declension - Masc & Fem

rex(43), homo(51), pater(66), amor(84), miles(127), frater(142), mater(143), mos(169), vox(175), iuvenis(190), pes(193), labor(199), virtus(202), sol(209), dux(244), lex(249), honor(257), civitas(263), laus(265), aetas(267), ratio(274)

3rd Declension - Neuter

tempus(52), corpus(91), nomen(93), carmen(112), os(146), opus(148), genus(173), caput(182), pectus(218), munus(258), iter(272)

3rd Declension, i-Stem - Masc & Fem

pars(83), nox(84), mors(99), urbs(116), vis(140), mens(157), ignis(162), hostis(166), ars(181), gens(227), orbis(236), mons(269), finis(270), parens(271)

3rd Declension, i-Stem - Neuter

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3rd Declension - Adjectives

omnis(13), talis(145), plus(158), fortis(165), dulcis(185), gravis(201), senex(225), levis(297)

4th Declension

manus(70), domus(77), natus(208)

5th Declension

res(35), dies(41), fides(264)

Irregular, Indeclinable, and Comparatives

alius(40), nullus(68), totus(81), solus(100), nihil(104), alter(176), summus(184), maior(192), melior(285), ullus(288), prior(300)

Pronouns

Personal & Possessive

suus(15), meus(26), mihi(28), tuus(29), se(31), te(33), me(34), noster(42), tibi(44), tu(56), ego(62), sibi(86), nobis(114), nos(129), vos(220), vester(226)

Intensive and Demonstrative

is(6), hic(7), ille(11), ipse(20), idem(75), iste(95)

Relative and Interrogative

qui/quis(2), quod

Indefinite

quidam(55), quisque(117), aliquis(121), quisquis(237), quisquam(259), quicumque(273), uterque(291)

Verbs

1st Conjugation

do(37), amo(124), voco(171), sto(214), puto(228), paro(299)

2nd Conjugation

video(25), habeo(27), teneo(125), iubeo(144), moveo(183), doceo(188), debeo(207), valeo(224), respondeo(251), licet(282), mereo(286), timeo(287), placeo(293), fleo(296)

3rd Conjugation

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4th Conjugation

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Irregular, Defective, Semi-Dep

sum(4), possum(23), volo/velle(63), aio(120), eo(123), inquam(212), soleo(260), adsum(278)

Adverbs & Conjunctions

et(3), non(8), ut(12), nec(17), sed(19), si(21), iam(36), atque(38), aut(39), autem(49), ne(50), etiam(53), ac(54), enim(58), tamen(60), sic(64), nunc(69), vero(72), quia(78), vel(79), neque(80), at(88), nam(89), quod(96), dum(98), ita(107), ubi(109), quoque(110), quidem(113), nisi(126), semper(128), tunc(132), tum(136), tam(150), saepe(170), magis(177), quam(187), ergo(195), ibi(203), sicut(217), satis(223), numquam(234), itaque(239), quasi(240), igitur(246), simul(247), bene(248), unde(255), deinde(279), licet(282), inde(284), usque(290), seu(294)

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FIRST THREE HUNDRED LATIN WORDS IN ORDER OF FREQUENCY, by Paul Bernard Diederich, *The University Of Chicago Press, Chicago, Illinois, 1939*, (<http://users.erols.com/whitaker/freqappx.htm>). The following is Diederich's full, original list.

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