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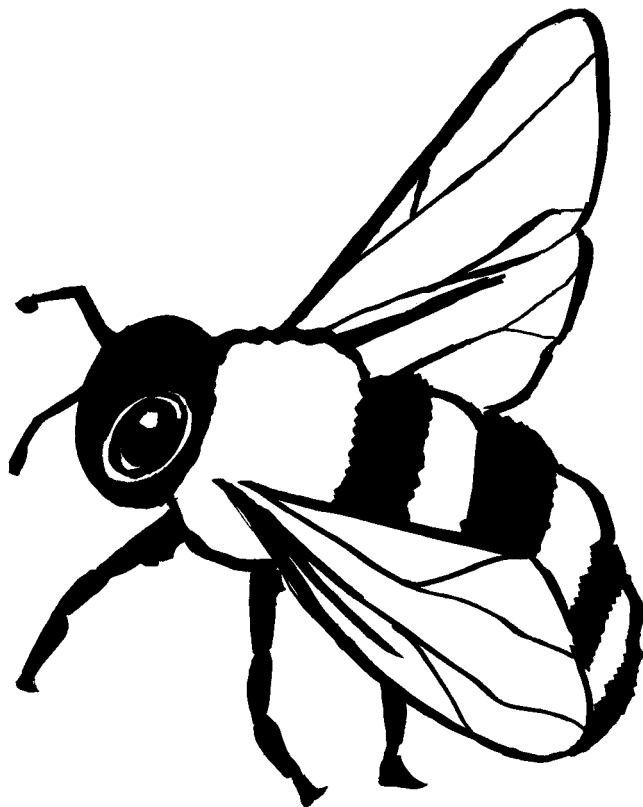
Līterae Latīnae

Aa	ā
Bb	bē
Cc	cē
Dd	dē
Ee	ē
Ff	ef
Gg	gē
Hh	hā
Ii	ī vōcālis
Ii	ī cōnsonans
Kk	kā
Ll	el
Mm	em
Nn	en
Oo	ō
Pp	pē
Qq	cū
Rr	er
Ss	es
Tt	tē
Uu	ū
Vv	ū cōnsonans
Xx	ix
Yy	ipsilon
Zz	zēta

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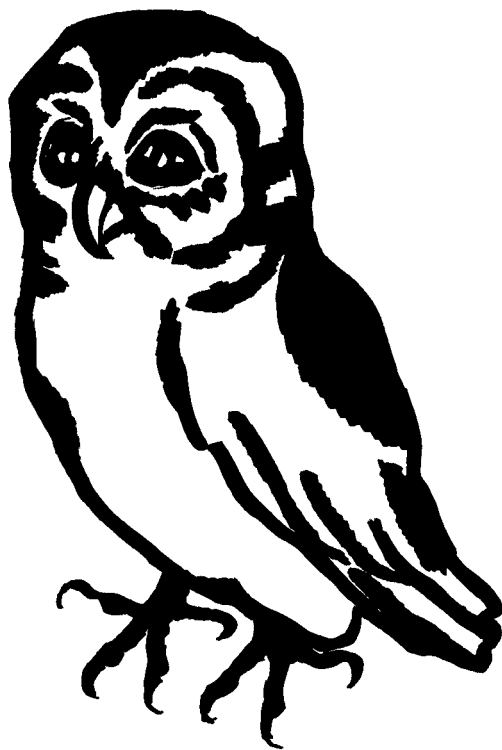
apis

Alia verba quae A incipiuntur

auris • autumnus • aestas • anulus • arbor
avis • āeroplanum • armarium

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B



bubō

Alia verba quae B incipiuntur

banāna • bracae • basium • birota
brachium • balneum • barba

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C



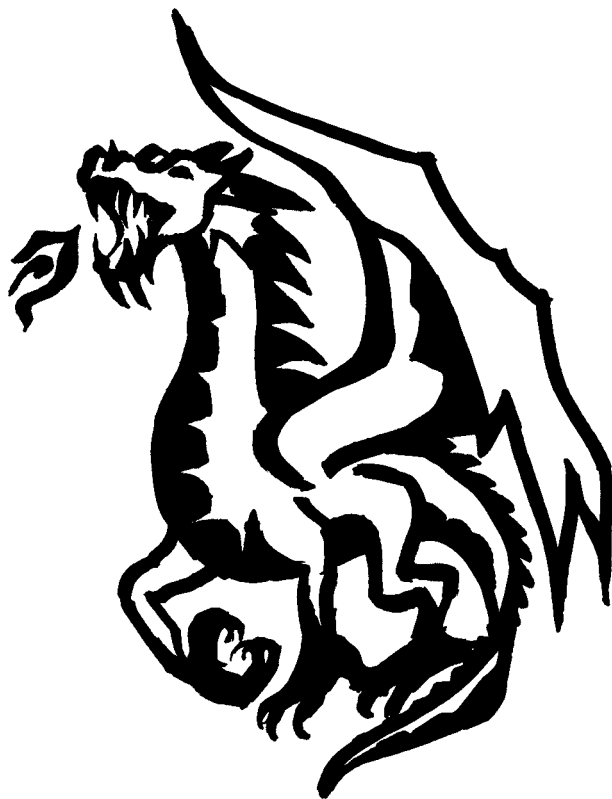
canis

Alia verba quae C incipiuntur

cāseus • cereālia • cēna • crustulum
clāvis • castellum • crūs • cista

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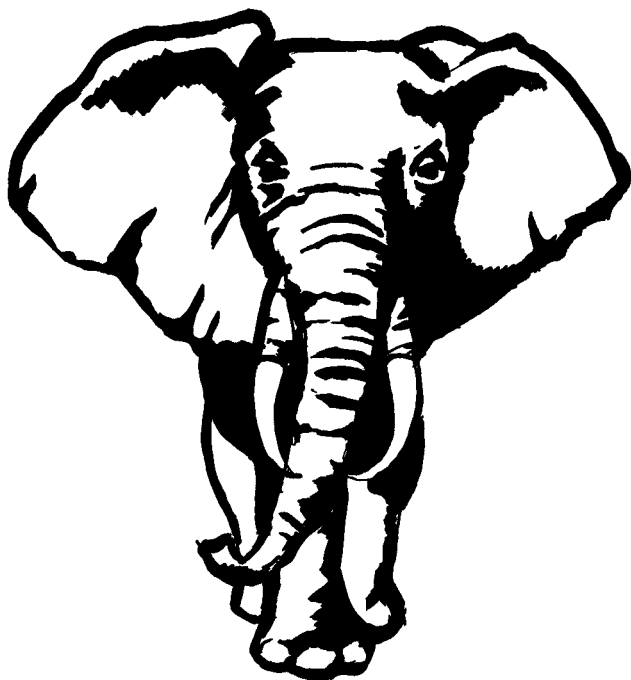
dracō

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domus • dinosaurus • diēs • digitus
discus • dēns • donum

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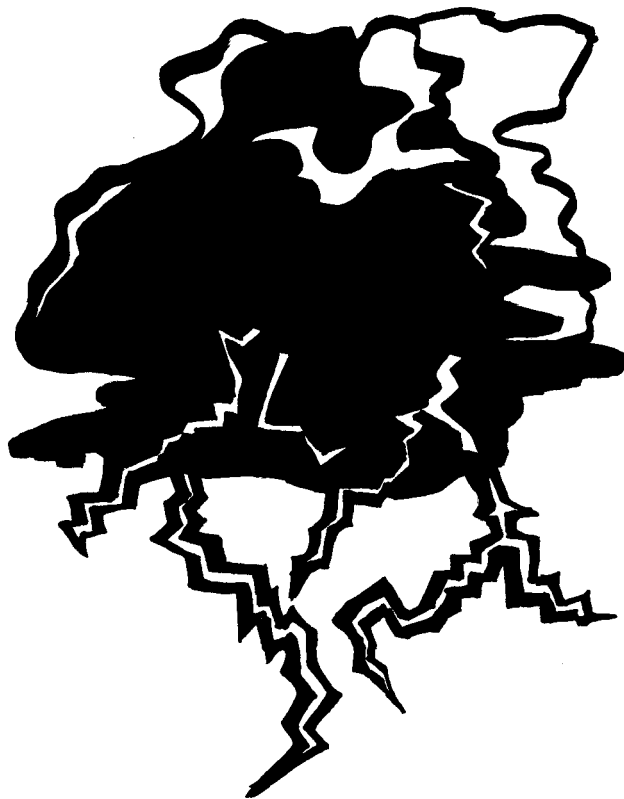
elephantus

Alia verba quae E incipiuntur

eruca • esculentum • equus • ĕmptor
ecclĕsia • eques • effigiĕs

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F



fulmen

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fundus • furnus • faciēs • folium
fenestra • ferculum • furca • flōs

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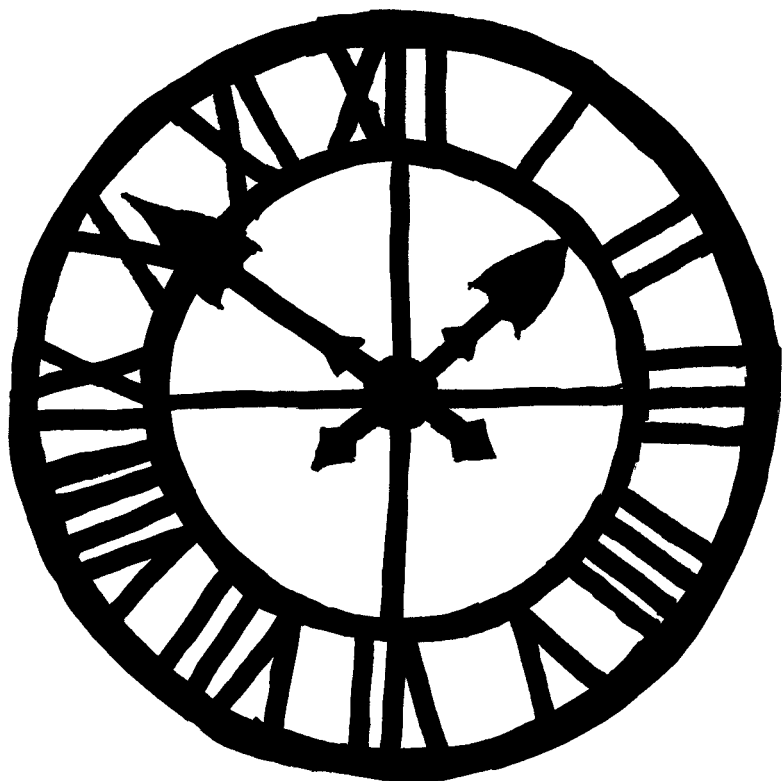
gryphus

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genū • gutta • gēns • grex • grāmen
glaciēs • gigas

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H



hōrologium

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harēna • herba • hortus • hiems • holus

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I



ignis

Alia verba quae I vōcālī incipiuntur

īnsula • imber • ignis • impedīmenta
instrūmentum

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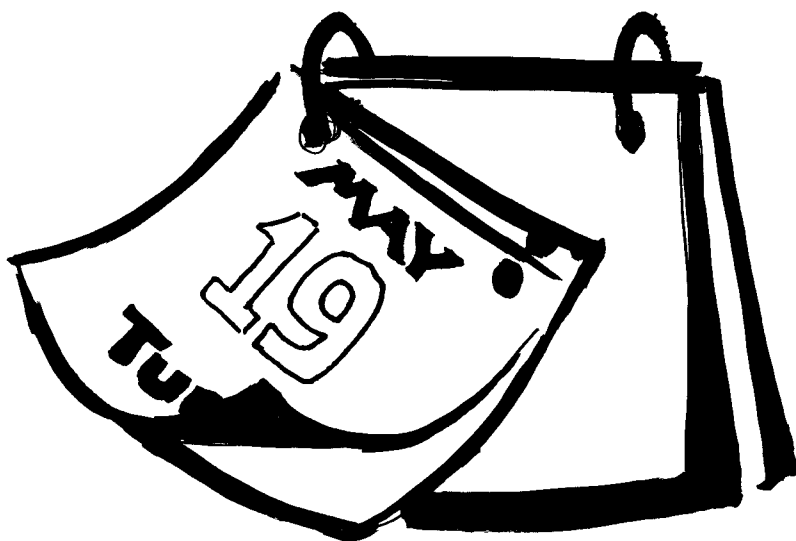
Iuppiter

Alia verba quae I cōnsonantī incipiuntur

iēntāculum • iūs • iānua

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K



kalendae

Nūlla alia verba k incipiuntur.

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L



lūna

Alia verba quae L incipiuntur

liber • lac • lūdus • lectus • lactūca
later • lacus • litus • littera • lagoena

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M



mūs

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mulier • mālum • manus • mōns
macellum • malleus • mare

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N

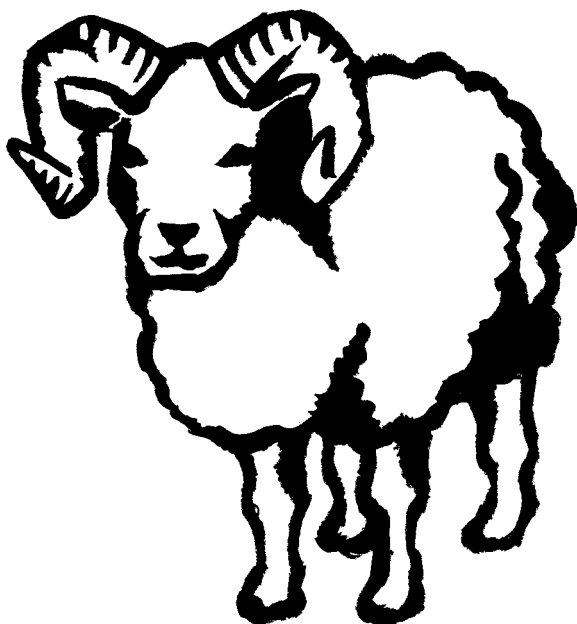
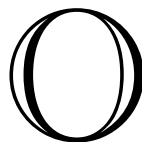


nāvis

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nāsus • nūbes • nix • nauta • naufragium
nōdus • nummus • numerus

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OVIS

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ōs • ōlla • oculus • ōstium • ōsculum
ōrnāmentum

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P



pāpiliō

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prandium • pirum • puer • puella • pānis
porcus • pila • pōculum • pupa • pēs • pōns

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Q



quisquiliae

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quārta pars • quidnam!?

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R



rāna

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rīsus • raeda • rēmigium • rēx • rēgīna
rixa • rēte

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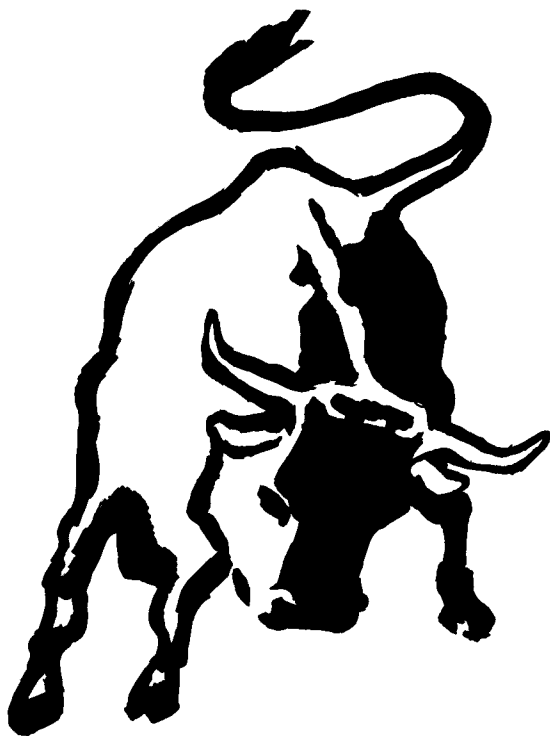
sīmia

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sōl • senex • sandal • scala • saccus • scālae
sarcina • specilia • solānum

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T



taurus

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tempus • tramen • tractor • theātrum
tabulātum • tēlephōnum • turris • tuba

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U



URSUS

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ūva • umbella • umerum

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vespertiō

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vir • vēr • via • vēndor • ventus • versipellis

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X



xiphiās

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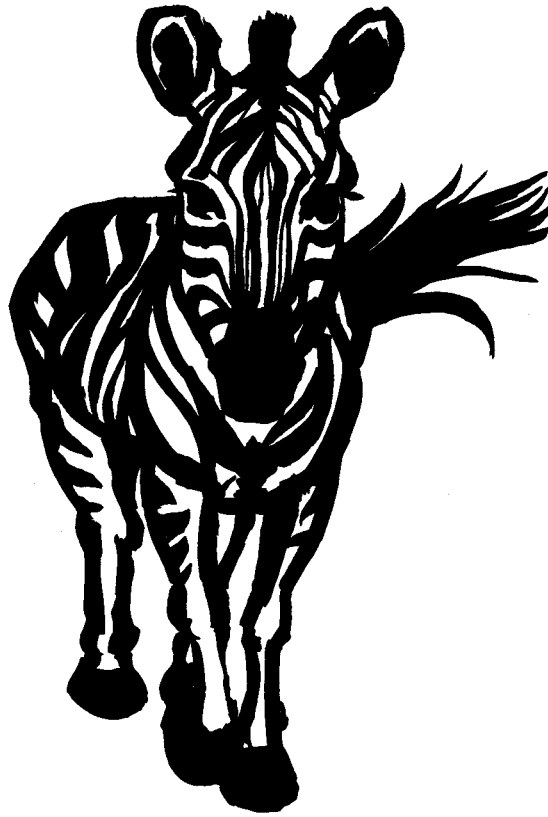
Y

Nūlla verba Y incipiuntur.

Pauper ipsilon.

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Z



zebra

Alia verba quae Z incipiuntur

zōna

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For parents

I don't really expect that you know Latin. But over the last several years, you've been asking me what resources are available for the youngest students of Latin. That's why you have this book.

Here are some resources to help you use this book with your children.

Phrases in this book

Alia verba quae Z incipiuntur

Other words which are started with Z.

Nūlla alia verba quae X incipiuntur.

No other words are started with X.

Nūlla verba Y incipiuntur.

No words are started with Y.

Pauper ipsilon.

Poor Y.

Every other word is found in the glossary on p. 30

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Pronunciation Guide

Two bits of good news: first, you already know the alphabet, and Latin is a phonetic language. So you pronounce it like it's written. Many, but not all, of the sounds that letters make are also going to be very familiar to you. Some will be quite different.

Consonants

All are like English consonants except:

c: always like the *c* in car

g: always like the *g* in gold

i: (when a consonant) like *y* in yet

q: always with *u*, like English

r: rolled like Spanish and Italian

s: always like *s* in snake

t: like *t* in top

v: like *w*

x: always like *x* in ax

z: like the *ds* like in fads

Consonant combinations

bs: like *ps* in tops

bt: like *pt* in apt

ch: like the *ck-h* in knock hard

gn: like *ni* in onion

ph: like the *p-h* in top hat

th: like the *t-h* in hot head

Double consonants

Pronounce each consonant. For example, the words *sumus* (we are) and *summus* (highest) sound different because one has one *m* and the other has two.

Vowels

a: like *o* in shot

ā: like *a* in father

e: like *e* in bet

ē: like *ay* in day

i: like *i* in in

ī: like *i* in machine

o: like the *o* in no

ō: like the *ow* in row

u: like *u* in dude

ū: like *oo* in food

y: say Latin *e* while holding your lips like Latin *u* (tricky)

ÿ: like Latin *y* but a bit longer

Diphthongs

Vowels in combination

ae: like the English word I

au: like the English word ow

ei: like the *ay* in hay

eu: tricky, like hey you without the *h* and *y*

oe: like the *oi* in oil

ui: like the *ooey* in gooey

Word stress

See glossarium (next page) for where the stress goes.

You stress

If you still don't feel comfortable, cheat. Spanish is really close. Use its pronunciation.

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Glossarium

Every word in this book is listed along with its definition. In addition to this, the genitive case, declension and gender are given for a more complete picture. Stress is indicated with bold type.

A

æroplanum, **æroplanī** – 2n – airplane
aestas, **aestātis** – 3f – summer
anulus, **anulī** – 2m – ring
apis, **apis** – 3lf – bee
arbor, **arboris** – 3f – tree
armarium, **armariī** – 2n – cabinet
auris, **auris** – 3lf – ear
autumnus, **autumnī** – 2m – fall
avis, **avis** – 3lf – bird

B

balneum, **balneī** – 2n – bath
banāna, **banānae** – 1f – banana
barba, **barbae** – 1f – beard
basium, **basī** – 2n – kiss
birota, **birotae** – 1f – bicycle
bracae, **bracārum** – 1f – pants
brachium, **brachiī** – 2n – arm
bubō, **bubōnis** – 3f – owl

C

canis, **canis** – 3Im, 3lf – dog
cāseus, **cāseī** – 2m – cheese
castellum, **castellī** – 2n – castle
cēna, **cēnae** – 1f – supper
cereālia, **cereālium** – 3n pl – cereal
cista, **cistae** – 1f – box
clāvis, **clāvis** – 3lf – key
crūs, **crūris** – 3n – leg
crustulum, **crustulī** – 2n – cookie

D

dēns, **dentis** – 3m – tooth
diēs, **diēī** – 5m – day
digitus, **digitī** – 2m – finger

dinosaurus, **dinosaurī** – 2m – dinosaur
discus, **discī** – 2m – disc
domus, **domī** – irr f – home
dōnum, **dōnī** – 2n – gift
dracō, **dracōnis** – 3m – dragon

E

ecclēsia, **ecclēsiae** – 1f – church
effigiēs, **effigiēī** – 5f – statue
elephantus, **elephantī** – 2m – elephant
ēemptor, **ēemptoris** – 3m – buyer
eques, **equitis** – 3m – knight
equus, **equī** – 2m – horse
eruca, **erucae** – 1f – caterpillar
esculentum, **esculentī** – 2n – tomato

F

faciēs, **faciēī** – 5f – face
fenestra, **fenestrae** – 1f – window
ferculum, **ferculī** – 2n – tray
flōs, **flōris** – 3m – flower
folium, **foliī** – 2n – leaf
fulmen, **fulminis** – 3n – lightning
fundus, **fundī** – 2m – farm
furca, **furcae** – 1f – fork
furnus, **furnī** – 2m – oven

G

gēns, **gentis** – 3f – tribe
genū, **genūs** – 4n – knee
gigas, **gigantis** – 3m – giant
glaciēs, **glaciēī** – 5f – ice
grāmen, **grāminis** – 3n – grass
grex, **gregis** – 3m – flock
gryphus, **gryphī** – 2m – griffin

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gutta, guttae – 1f – drop (of water)

H

harēna, harēnae – 1f – sand

herba, herbae – 1f – plant

hiems, hiemis – 3f – winter

holus, holeris – 3n – vegetable

hōrologium, hōrologiī – 2n – clock

hortus, hortī – 2m – garden

I

iānuā, iānuae – 1f – door

iēntāculum, iēntāculī – 2n – breakfast

ignis, ignis – 3Im – fire

imber, imbris – 3m – rain

impedimenta, impedimentōrum – 2n
pl – baggage

instrūmentum, instrūmentī – 2n
– tool

īnsula, īnsulae – 1f – island

Iuppiter, Iovis – 3m irr – Jupiter

iūs, iūris – 3n – soup

K

Kalendae, Kalendārum – 1f pl – Kalends (the first day of the month)

L

lac, lactis – 3n – milk

lactūca, lactūcae – 1f – lettuce

lacus, lacūs – 4m – lake

lagoena, lagoenae – 1f – bottle

later, lateris – 3m – brick

lectus, lectī – 2m – bed

liber, librī – 2m – book

littera, litterae – 1f – letter

lītus, lītōris – 3n – shore

lūdus, lūdī – 2m – game

lūna, lūnae – 1f – moon

M

macellum, macellī – 2n – market

malleus, malleī – 2m – hammer

mālum, mālī – 2n – apple

manus, manūs – 4f – hand

mare, maris – 3In – sea

mōns, montis – 3m – mountain

mulier, mulieris – 3f – woman

mūs, mūris – 3m – mouse

N

nāsus, nāsī – 2m – nose

naufragium, naufragiī – 2n –
shipwreck

nauta, nautae – 1m – sailor

nāvis, nāvis – 3If – boat

nix, nivis – 3f – snow

nōdus, nōdī – 2m – knot

nūbēs, nūbis – 3If – cloud

numerus, numerī – 2m – number

nummus, nummī – 2m – coin

O

oculus, oculī – 2m – eye

ōlla, ōllae – 1f – pot

ōrnāmentum, ōrnāmentī – 2m –
ornament

ōs, ōris – 3n – mouth

ōsculum, ōsculī – 2n – kiss

ōstium, ōstiī – 2n – doorway

ovis, ovis – 3If – sheep

P

pānis, pānis – 3Im – bread

pāpiliō, pāpiliōnis – 3m – butterfly

pēs, pedis – 3m – foot

pīla, pīlae – 1f – ball

pīrum, pīrī – 2n – pear

pōculum, pōculī – 2n – cup

pōns, pontis – 3m – bridge

porcus, porcī – 2m – pig

prandium, prandiī – 2n – lunch

puella, puellae – 1f – girl

puer, puerī – 2m – boy, child

pupa, pupae – 1f – doll

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Q

quārta pars, quārtae partis – 1f 3f
– one-fourth

quidnam!? – what on earth!?

quisquiliae, quisquiliārum – 1f pl
– garbage

R

raeda, raedae – 1f – car

rāna, rānae – 1f – frog

rēgīna, rēgīnae – 1f – queen

rēmīgium, rēmīgī – 2n – oar

rēte, rētis – 3ln – net

rēx, rēgis – 3m – king

rīsus, rīsūs – 4m – laughter

rixa, rixae – 1f – big fight

S

saccus, saccī – 2m – sack

sandal, sandalis – 3ln – sandal

sarcina, sarcinae – 1f – backpack

scālae, scālārum – 1f pl – stairs

senex, senis – 3lm – old man

sīmia, sīmiae – 1f – monkey

sōl, sōlis – 3m – sun

solānum, solānī – 2n – potato

specilia, specilium – 3ln pl – glasses

T

tabulātum, tabulātī – 2n – floor

taurus, taurī – 2m – bull

tēlēphōnum, tēlēphōnī – 2m –
telephone

tempus, temporis – 3n – time

theātrum, theātrī – 2n – theater

tractor, tractōris – 3m – tractor

tramen, traminis – 3n – train

tuba, tubae – 1f – horn

turris, turris – 3lf – tower

U

umbella, umbellae – 1f – umbrella

umerum, umerī – 2n – shoulder

ursus, ursī – 2m – bear

ūva, ūvae – 1f – grape

V

vēndor, vēndōris – 3m – seller

ventus, ventī – 2m – wind

vēr, vēris – 3n – spring

versipellis, versipellis – 3lm –
werewolf

vespertiliō, vespertiliōnis – 3m – bat

via, viae – 1f – road

vir, virī – 2m – man

X

xiphiās, xiphiae – 1m – swordfish

Y

nulla verba y littera incipiuntur

Z

zebra, zebrae – 1f – zebra

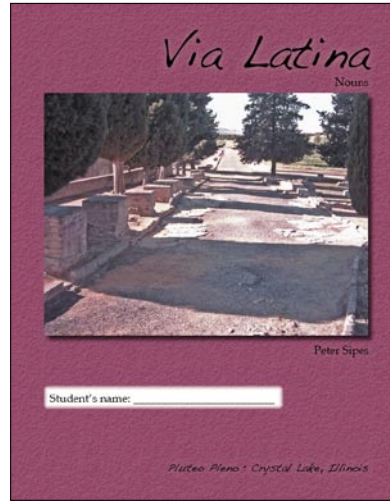
zōna, zōnae – 1f – belt

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Abecedarium Latinum

It is as easy as *apis, bubo, canis* to start studying Latin.

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