Latin nouns and adjectives

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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.

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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
acervate, acervose

ac?tum
ac?t-
vinegar
acetic

acus
acu-
needle
acuity, acumen, acute

aedificium
aedifici-
building
edifice

aequus
aequ-, -iqu-
even, level
adequate, equality, equity, iniquity

aes
aer-
ore

aevum
aev-
age, eon
eviternal, longevity, mediaeval, primaeval

ager
agr-, -egr-
field
agriculture, peregrine

alacer
alacr-
quick
alacrity

albus
alb-
white
albedo, albino, album, albumen

alius
ali-
other
alias, alien

anima
anim-
soul, life
animal, animate

animus
anim-
mind, anger
animosity

annus
ann-
year
annual, annuity

?nser
?nser-
goose
anserine

aqua
aqu-
water
aquamarine, aquarium, aquatic, aqueduct, aquifer

aquila
aquil-
eagle
aquiline

arbor
arbor-
tree
arboreal, arboretum

ars
art-
art, skill
artifact, artificial

asinus
asin-
donkey
asinine

aud?x
aud?c-
brave, bold
audacious, audacity

auris
aur-
ear
aural, auricle

aurum
aur-
gold
aureate

avis
avi-
bird
Aves, avian, aviary

bellum
bell-
war
antebellum, bellicose, belligerence, rebellion

bellus
bell-
pretty
embellish

bestia
besti-
animal
bestial, bestiary

bini
bin-
two each
binary, combination

bonus
– melior
– optimus
bon-
– melior-
– optim-
good
– better
– best
bonus
– ameliorate
– optimal, optimist

b?s
bov-
cow, ox
bovine

bracchium
brac-
arm, support
embrace, braces, bracelet

brevis
brev-
brief, short
brevity

butyrum
butyr-
butter
butyric

calx
calc-
-culc-
heel
inculcate

calx
calc-
limestone, pebble
calciform, calculus, calculation

canis
can-
dog
canid, canine

caper
capr-
goat
caprine

capillus
capill-
hair
capillaries

caput
capit-
head
capital, decapitation

cardo
cardin-
hinge
cardinal

caro
carn-
flesh
carnal, carnivore, incarnate

catena
caten-
chain
catenary, catenative

cauda
caud-, cod-
tail
caudal, coda

causa
caus-, -cus-

accusative, causal

cavus
cav-
hollow
cave, cavity, concave

centum
cent-
hundred
centennial

cera
cer-
wax
ceraceous

certus
cert-
certain
certiorari, certitude

cerv?x
cerv?c-
neck
cervical, cervix

cinis
ciner-
ashes
incinerator

c?vis
c?v-
citizen
civil, civilian, civility

cl?vicula
cl?vicul-
little key
clavicle

clavis
clav-
key
clavier

clemens
clement-
mild
clemency, inclement

collum
coll-
neck
collar

cor
cord-
heart
accord, cordial, courage

corbis
corb-
basket
corb, corf

corn?
corn-
horn
Capricorn, cornucopia, unicorn

corpus
corpor-
body
corporal, corporeal, corpulent, corpuscle

corvus
corv-
raven
corbel, corvine

coxa
cox-
hip
coxal

cras
cras-
tomorrow
procrastinate

crassus
crass-
thick
crass, crassitude

creta
cret-
chalk
cretaceous

crimen
crimin-

criminal

crux
cruc-
cross
crucial, crucifix, crucify

culina
culin-
kitchen
culinary

cuneus
cune-
wedge
cuneate, cuneiform

cura
cur-
care
cure, curious

curtus
curt-
shortened
curt

cuspis
cuspid-
tip
bicuspid

decem
decem-
ten
decemfid, decempedal, decemvir

decimus
decim-
tenth
decimal

decus
decor-

decorous, decorum

dens
dent-
tooth
dental, dentifrice, denture, trident

deus
de-
god
deification, deity

dexter
dextr-
right
dexterous, dextral

di?s
di?-
day
diary, quotidian

digitus
digit-
finger, toe
digit, digital

dignus
dign-
worthy
condign, dignity

discipulus
discipul-
student
disciple

dominus
domin-
lord
domain, dominate, dominion

domus
dom-
house
domestic, domicile

duo
du-
two
duality, duplex

equus
equ-
horse
equestrian, equine

faber
fabr-

fabric

falx
falc-
sickle
falcate, falciform

fames
fam-
hunger
famine, famished

fauces
fauc-, -foc-
throat
faucal, suffocate

f?l?s
f?l-
cat
feline

f?lix
f?lic-
happy
felicity, felicitations

f?mina
f?min-
woman
effeminate, femininity

femur
femor-
thigh
femoral, femur

fenestra
fenestr-
window
defenestration

ferox
feroc-
fierce
ferocious, ferocity

ferrum
ferr-
iron
ferrite, ferrous

ferus
fer-
wild
feral

fides
fid-
faith
confidence, infidel, infidelity, perfidy

f?lia
f?lius
f?li-
daughter
son
affiliation, filial

filum
fil-
thread
bifilar, filament

f?nis
f?n-
end, limit
affine, affinity, confines, final, infinity, infinitive

firmus
firm-
firm
confirm, firmament

fiscus
fisc-
basket
confiscation, fiscal

flavus
flav-
yellow
flavin, flavivirus

fl?s
fl?r-
flower
floral, florist

focus
foc-
hearth
bifocal, focal

foedus
foeder-

confederation, federal

folium
foli-
leaf
defoliant, foliage, folio, folivore, portfolio

fons
font-

font, fontal, fontanelle

foris
for-
outdoors
foreclose, foreign, forest, forum

f?rma
f?rm-
form, shape
deform, formal, formative, formula, information

formica
formic-
ant
formic

formus
form-
warm

fornix
fornic-
vault
forniciform

fors
fort-
luck
fortuitous, fortune

fortis
fort-
strength
effort, fortify, fortitude

fr?ter
fr?tr-
brother
fraternal, fraternity, fratricide

fraus
fraud-
fraud
fraudulent

frequens
frequent-
often
frequency, frequentative

fr?ns
front-
forehead
affront, confront, front, frontal

fr?x
fr?g-
fruit
frugal

f?mus
f?m-
smoke
fume, fumigation

fundus
fund-
bottom
fundamental, profundity

fungus
fung-
mushroom
fungal, fungicide

funis
fun-
rope
funicular

fuscus
fusc-
dark
obfuscation

gens
gent-

gentile, gentility, gentle

genu
genu-
knee
genuflection

genus
gener-
birth, offspring, creation
general, generation, generic, generous, genuine

glacies
glaci-
ice
glacial, glacier

gladius
gladi-
sword
gladiator, gladiolus

gluten
glutin-
glue
agglutination, glutinous

granum
gran-
grain
granary, granule

gravis
grav-
heavy
gravid, gravitation, gravity

grex
greg-
flock, herd
congregation, gregarious

grossus
gross-
thick
gross

gula
gul-

gullet, gully

gurges
gurgit-

regurgitate

guttur
guttur-
throat
guttural

herba
herb-
grass
herbaceous, herbal, herbicide

hibernus
hibern-

hibernacle, hibernal

hiems
hiem-
winter

hiemal

hom?
homin-
man (human being)
homicide, hominid

hortus
hort-
garden
horticulture

hostis
host-
enemy
hostile

humus
hum-
ground
humiliate, humility

ignis
ign-
fire
igneous, ignite, ignition

inguen
inguin-
groin
inguinal

?nsula
?nsul-
island
insular, insulate, peninsula

iocus
jocus
joc-
jest
jocular, joke

i?dex
judex
i?dic-
judge
judge, judicial, judiciary, adjudicate

iugum

jugum
iug-
yoke
conjugal, conjugate

i?s
i?r-
right, law
abjure, conjure, justice, jurisdiction

iuvenis
juvenis
juven-
young
juvenile

labia
labi-
lip
labial

labor
labor-
toil
elaboration, laborious

lac
lact-
milk
lactate, lactic, lactose

lacrima
lacrim-
tear
lachrymose

lapis
lapid-
stone
dilapidate, lapidary

lassus
lass-

lassitude

latex
latic-
liquid
laticifer

latus
lat-
broad, wide
latifoliate, latitude

latus
later-
side
collateral, lateral

laus
laud-
praise
laud, laudable, Lauds

laxus
lax-
loose
laxity, relax

lenis
leni-
gentle
leniency

lens
lent-
lentil
lenticel, lenticular

lentus
lent-

lentic, relent

leo
leon-
lion
leonine

lepus
lepor-
hare
leporid, leporine

levis
lev-
light (weight)
levity, relieve

l?x
l?g-
law
alleged, legal, legislation, privilege

liber
liber-
free
liberal

liber
libr-
book
library

libra
libr-
balance, scales
equilibrium

lignum
lign-
wood
ligneous, lignite

limbus
limb-
edge
limbate, limbic, limbo

linea
line-
line
collinear, linearity

lingua
lingu-
tongue
bilingual, lingua franca, linguistics, multilingual

lira
lir-
furrow
delirium

littera
litter-
letter
literary, literature

locus
loc-
place
locality, locative

longus
long-
long
elongate, longitude

lucrum
lucr-

lucrative, lucre

lumen
lumin-
light
luminary, luminous

l?na
l?n-
Moon
lunar, lunate, lunatic

lupus
lup-
wolf
lupine

lux
luc-
light
Lucifer, luciferous

macula
macul-
spot
immaculate, macula, macular, macule

magister
magistr-
master
magisterial, magistrate

magnus
– m?ior
– maximus
magn-
– m?ior-

– maxim-
big, great
– bigger
– biggest
magnitude
– majority
– maximum

malus
– peior
– pessimus
mal-
– peior-
– pessim-
bad
– worse
– worst
malevolence, malice, malignant
– pejorative
– pessimist

manus
manu-
hand
manual, manuscript

mare
mar-
sea
marine, mariner, maritime, ultramarine

Mars
marti-
Mars
martial, Martian

m?ter
m?tr-
mother
material, maternal, maternity, matrimony, matrix, matron, matter

medius
medi-
middle
media, median, medieval, medium, intermediate, immediate, mediocre

mel
mell-
honey
mellifluent

memor

memor-
mindful
commemorate, memoir, memorial, memory

menda
mend-
blemish
emend

mens
ment-
mind
mental

merus
mer-
pure
mere

miles
milit-
soldier
militant, military, militia

mille
mill-
thousand
millennium, millipede

modus
mod-

modal

mollis
moll-
soft
emollient

mora
mor-
delay
moratorium

morbus
morb-
sickness
morbid, morbidity

mors
mort-
death
mortal, rigor mortis

mortuus
mort-
dead
mortuary, moribund, morgue

mos
mor-
custom
morality, mores

multus
– plus
mult-
– plur-
many
– more
multitude
plurality

mulus
mul-
mule
mular

mundus
mund-
world
mundane

murus
mur-
wall
mural

mus
mur-
mouse
murine

nasus
nas-
nose
nasal

navis
nav-

ship
naval

neuter
neutr-
neither
neutral

niger
nigr-
black
denigrate

nihil
nihil-
nothing
nil, nihilism, annihilate

nodus
nod-
knot
nodal, nodule

nomen
nomin-
name
ignominy, nominal, nominative, trinominal

nonageni
nonagen-
ninety each
nonagenarian, nonagenary

n?nus
non-
ninth
nonary, None

norma
norm-
carpenter's square
enormous, norm, normal, normative

novus
nov-
new
innovative, novelty, novice

nox
noct-

night
equinox, nocturnal

nudus
nud-
naked
denude, nudity

numerus
numer-
number
enumerate, innumerable, numeracy, numeral, numerator, numerous

oct?vus
octav-
eighth
octaval, octave

oct?
oct-
eight
octal, octangular, octennial, octuple

oct?ni
octon-
eight each
octonary, octonion

oculus
ocul-
eye
inoculation, ocular

omen
omin-

ominous

omnis
omn-
all
omnipotence, omnipresence, omniscience, omnivore

onus
oner-
burden, load
exonerate, onerous, onus

opacus

opac-
shady
opacity

ops
op-

copious, opulent

opus
oper-
work
opera

orbis
orb-
ring
orb, orbit

ordo
ordin-
order
ordinal, ordinance, ordinary, ordination

os
or-
mouth
oral, orifice

os
oss-
bone
ossify, ossuary

otium
oti-
leisure
negotiate, otiose

ovis
ov-
sheep
ovine

ovum
ov-
egg
oval, ovary, ovule, ovum

par
par-
equal
comparative, comparator, disparity, parile, parity, peer

paries
pariet-
wall
parietal

pars
part-
piece
compartment, departure, partial, particle

parvus
parv-
small
parvovirus

passer
passer-
sparrow
passerine

pater
patr-
father
paternal, paternity, patrimony, patron, perpetrate

paucus
pauc-
few
paucal, paucity

pav?mentum
pav?ment-
ground
pavement

pax
pac-
peace
pacific, pacify

pectus
pector-
chest
pectoral

p?s
ped-
foot
biped, expedient, expedition, impediment, pedal, pedestrian, pedicure

pestis
pest-
pest
pesticide, pestiferous, pestilence

pinna
pinn-
feather
pinnacle, pinnate

pirus
pir-
pear
piriform

piscis
pisc-
fish
pisces, pisciform, piscine

planta
plant-
sole
plantar

planus
plan-
flat
planar, plane

platea
plate-
place
placement

plebs
pleb-

plebian

pluma
plum-
feather
plumage

pluvia
pluvi-
rain
pluvial

pondus
ponder-
weight
ponderous, pound, preponderance

pons
pont-
bridge
pontine, pontoon

porcus
porc-
pig
porcine

porta
port-
gate
porch, portal, portico

prandium
prandi-
lunch
prandial, preprandial

pravus
prav-
crooked
depravity

pretium
preti-
price
depreciation, precious

prex
prec-
prayer
preces

prior
– pr?mus
prior-
– pr?m-
former
– first

priority
– primal, primary, prime

privus
priv-
own
privacy, private

probus
prob-

probable, probation, probative, probity, reprobate

proprius
propri-
proper
appropriate, propriety

prunus
prun-
plum
prune

pulcher
pulchr-
beautiful
pulchritude

pulmo
pulmon-
lung
pulmonary

pulvis
pulver-
dust, powder
pulverize

punctum
punct-
point
contrapuntal, punctual, punctuation

purus
pur-
pure
impurity, purity

pus

pur-
pus
purulent

quadrini
quadrin-
four each
quadrin

quadrum
quadr-
square
quadrate, quadratic, quadrature

quartus
quart-
fourth
quartal, quartan, quartic

quaterni
quatern-
four each
quaternary, quaternion

quintus
quint-
fifth
quintal, quintan, quintessence, quintic

radius
radi-
ray, spoke
radial, radian

radix
radic-
root
eradicate, radical, radicand

ramus
ram-
branch
ramification, ramose

remus
rem-
oar
bireme, quinquereme

r?n

ren-
kidney
renal

res
re-
thing
reality

rete
ret-
net
reticulate, retiform, retina

r?x
r?g-
king
regal, regent

ripa
rip-
bank
riparian

ritus
rit-
rite
ritual

rivus
riv-
brook
derive, rival, rivulet

rosa
ros-
rose
rosaceous, rosary

rota
rot-
wheel
rotary, rotation

ruber
rubr-
red
erubescent, rubric

r?dis

r?d-
rude
rudimentary

r?s
r?r-
countryside, farm
rural, rustic

sacer
sacr-
sacred
sacrifice, sacristy

saepes
saep-
hedge
septum

sal
sal-
salt
salary, salinity

sanguis
sanguin-
blood
consanguineous, sanguine

sanus
san-
sound
insanity, sanatorium

semen
semin-
seed
disseminate, semen, seminal, seminar, seminary

semis
semi-
half
semicolon, semiconductor, semiconscious, seminatural

senex
sen-
old man
senator, senility, senior

seni

sen-
six each
senary

septem
sept-
seven
septangular, septemvir, septennial

septeni
septen-
seven each
septenary

sex
sex-
six
sexangular, sexavalent, sexennial

sexageni
sexagen-
sixty each
sexagenarian, sexagenary

sexagesimus
sexagesim-
sixtieth
sexagesimal

sextus
sext-
sixth
bissextile, Sext, sextan, sextans, sextic, sextile

sibilus
sibil-
hiss
sibilant

siccus
sicc-
dry
desiccant, desiccation

sidus
sider-
constellation
consider, sidereal

silva

silv-
forest
silvan, silviculture

similis
simil-
like
similar, verisimilitude

sincerus
sincer-

sincerity

singulus
singul-
one each
singularity

sinister
sinistr-
left
sinister, sinistral

sinus
sinu-
curve
sinuous

sol
sol-
sun
insolate, solar, soliform

solum
sol-
bottom
insole, sole

solus
sol-
alone, only
sole, solitary, solitude, solo

somnus
somn-
sleep
insomnia, somnolent

sonus
son-
sound
absonant, consonant, dissonance, resonance, sonorant, sonority

sopor
sopor-
deep sleep
sopor, soporific

soror
soror-
sister
sororal, sororate, sororicide, sorority

spes
sper-
hope
desperate

spina
spin-
thorn
spinal, spinescent, spiniferous, spiniform

squama
squam-
scale
squamate, squamella, squamiform, squamose, squamous

stria
stri-
furrow
striation, striature

strix
strig-
owl
strigine

suavis
suav-
sweet
suave

sucus
succus
succ-
juice
succulent

sulcus
sulc-
furrow
sulcal, sulcate, sulciform

tardus
tard-
slow
retard, tardy

tempus
tempor-
time
contemporaneous, temporal, temporary

tenuis
tenu-
thin
tenuous

terminus
termin-
boundary
interminable, terminal, terminative

terni
tern-
three each
ternary, ternion

terra
terr-
dry land
terrace, terracotta, terrain, terrestrial, extraterrestrial, territory

tertius
terti-
third
Terce, tertial, tertian, tertiary

testis
test-
witness
intestate, testament, testimony

totus
tot-
all, whole
totality

tres
tri-
three
triangle, triceps, triennial

tricae
tric-
tricks
extricate

turba
turb-

disturbance, turbidity, turbine

umbra
umbr-
shade, shadow
adumbration, penumbra, umbrella

uncia
unci-
twelfth
ounce, quincuncial, uncial

unda
und-
wave
abundant, inundate, undulate

unus
un-
one
coadunate, unary, unate, uniformity, union

urbs
urb-
city
suburb, urban

ursus
urs-
bear
ursine

vacuus
vacu-
empty
vacuous, vacuum

vagus
vag-
wandering
vagile, vague

vallum
vall-
rampart
vallate

vanus
van-
empty, vain
vanity

varius
vari-
varying
variable, variety, various

vas
vas-
vessel
vasal, vase

vastus
vast-
empty
devastate, vastitude

vehiculum
vehicul-
wagon
vehicle, vehicular

velox
veloc-
quick, swift
velocity

velum
vel-
sail, veil
velamen, velar, velate

vena
ven-
vein
venation, venous, venule

venter
ventr-
belly
ventral, ventricle

ventus
vent-
wind
ventilator

venum
ven-

venality

venus
vener-
desire
venerable, venereal

verbum
verb-
word
adverb, proverbial, verbal, verbatim, verbose

vermis
verm-
worm
vermian, vermicelli, vermicular, vermiculite, vermiform

vernus
vern-
spring
vernal

v?rus
ver-
true
veracious, veracity, verify, veritable, verity

vesper
vesper-
evening
vespertine

vestigium
vestig-
trace, track
vestigial

vestis
vest-
clothing
vestment, vesture

vetus
veter-
old
veteran

via
vi-
way
devious, obvious, trivial, vialis

vicis
vic-
change
vicarious, vicissitude

vicus
vic-

vicinity

vigesimus
vigesim-
twentieth
septemvigesimal, vigesimal

vilis
vil-
cheap, vile
revile, vilify

v?lla
vill-
country house
villa, village

vinum
vin-
wine
viniculture

vir
vir-
man (masculine)
triumvirate, virile, virility, virtue

virga
virg-
rod, twig
virgate, virgule

viscus
viscer-
internal organ
eviscerate, visceral

vita
vit-
life
vital, vitality

vitium
viti-

vice, vicious, vitiate

vitrum
vitr-
glass
vitreous

vola
vol-
palm
volar

vox
voc-
voice
advocate, vocal, vocative, vociferous

vulgus
vulg-
crowd
vulgar, vulgarity, vulgate

vulnus
vulner-
wound
vulnerable, vulnerose

vulp?s
vulp-
fox
vulpicide, vulpine