

# Typus Orbis Terrarum



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# Latin Noun Declensions

- A Latin dictionary provides the nominative and genitive singular forms of a noun, with the noun's gender. (A few nouns have plural only forms; a dictionary gives the nominative and genitive plural of these.)
- The genitive singular ending of a noun identifies the noun's declension:  
-ae → first; -i → second; -is → third;  
-us → fourth; -ēi or ei → fifth.
- A noun's base (a.k.a. 'root' or 'stem') is determined by removing the genitive singular ending and adding all other endings to this base: **ros/ae**; **lup/i**, **puer/i**, **libr/i**; **leōn/is**, **mont/is**, **nōmin/is**, **mar/is**; **man/us**; **di/ēi**.

## First Declension

Gender: f. (a few m.)  
sing. pl.

<b>nom.</b>	rosa	rosae
<b>gen.</b>	rosae	rosārum
<b>dat.</b>	rosae	rosīs*
<b>acc.</b>	rosam	rosās
<b>abl.</b>	rosā	rosīs*
<b>voc.</b>	= nom. <sup>†</sup>	= nom.

\* First declension nouns with second declension masculine counterparts (e.g. *filia*, daughter; *filius*, son) may have a dat. or abl. pl. ending in -ābus to distinguish them from the masculine forms (*filiābus*: daughters, dat. or abl. pl.; *filiīs*: sons, dat. or abl. pl.)

<sup>†</sup>'= nom.' means the vocative form is identical to the nominative.

## Second Declension

Gender: m. (a few f.)  
sing. pl.

<b>lupus</b>	puer*	liber*
<b>lupī</b>	puerī	librī
<b>lupo</b>	puerō	librō
<b>lupum</b>	puerum	librum
<b>lupo</b>	puerō	librō
<b>lupe**</b>	= nom.	= nom.

\* Second declension nouns whose nominative singular ends in -er keep or lose the 'e' as part of the base; the genitive singular indicates whether the 'e' stays or goes.

\*\* Second declension nouns whose base ends in 'i' drop the -us and lengthen the 'i' in the vocative singular: *filius* → *fili*.

\*\*\* All neuter accusative nouns are identical to their nominative form in all declensions.

## Third Declension

### Regular

Gender: m., f.

sing. pl.

n.  
sing. pl.

### I-stem

Gender: m., f., n.

sing. pl.

n.  
sing. pl.

<b>nom.</b>	leō*	leōnēs	nōmen*	nōmina	mōns*	montēs	mare***	maria
<b>gen.</b>	leōnis	leōnum	nōminis	nōminum	montis	montium**	maris	marium
<b>dat.</b>	leōnī	leōnibus	nōminī	nōminibus	montī	montibus	marī	maribus
<b>acc.</b>	leōnem	leōnēs	nōmen	nōmina	montem	montēs	mare	maria
<b>abl.</b>	leōne	leōnibus	nōmine	nōminibus	monte	montibus	marī	maribus
<b>voc.</b>	= nom.	= nom.	= nom.	= nom.	= nom.	= nom.	= nom.	= nom.

\* The nominative form of a third declension noun often does not have the base needed for the other cases.

\*\* One of two conditions causes the genitive plural to be -ium:

1. The nom. sing. and gen. sing. have the same number of syllables. E.g.: *vallis*, *vallis*, f. → gen. pl.: *vallium*.

2. The base ends in two consonants which are not a consonant blend: *montis* → gen. pl.: *montium*. (A consonant blend is a consonant followed by 'l' or 'r': *pater*, *patris*, m. → gen. pl.: *patrum*.)

\*\*\* A neuter noun whose nominative singular ends in -al, -ar, or -e (e.g.: *animal*, *animālis*; *exemplar*, *exemplāris*; *mare*, *maris*) has -i (abl. s.), -ia (nom. & acc. pl.), and -ium (gen. pl.).

N.B.: A few i-stem nouns are attested as retaining an 'i' in more of their endings, as in: *nāvis*, *nāvis*, *nāvī*, *nāvīm*, *nāvī*, *nāvēs*, *nāvīum*, *nāvībus*, *nāvīs*, *nāvībus*.

## Fourth Declension

Gender: m. (a few f.)

sing. pl.

n.  
sing. pl.

<b>manus</b>	manūs
<b>manūs</b>	manuum
<b>manuī</b>	manibus*
<b>manum</b>	manūs
<b>manū</b>	manibus*
= nom.	= nom.

\* A dat. or abl. pl. ending in -ubus is attested for a few nouns.

## Fifth Declension

Gender: f. (one m.\*)

sing. pl.

<b>faciēs</b>	faciēs
<b>faciēt**</b>	faciērum
<b>faciēt**</b>	faciēbus
<b>faciem</b>	faciēs
<b>faciē</b>	faciēbus
= nom.	= nom.

\* All fifth declension nouns are feminine, except *diēs*, which is masculine (but feminine under some conditions) and its compound *meridiēs*, which is always masculine.

\*\* Nouns whose base ends in a consonant have a short 'e' in the genitive and dative singular: *fidēs* → *fideī*.