

Latin and Derivative* English Words : Introduction to Latin Vocabulary

*(Words in English that come to us from Latin)

In this introduction to Latin and linguistics, we will take a look at Latin's influence on our English language. We will look at words from our Latin vocabulary list and how they have given us words in English. We will also look at prefixes, suffixes, root words, and other building blocks of English that we get from Latin. Let's look at our vocabulary checklist first, and see what sort of English words we get from these Latin root word. Use the exercises on the Quia website to help learn these words.

Verbs

Latin word

(present tense 1st person , past tense 1st person)

English meanings

Some English derivatives

accido, accidit	to happen	accident, accidental
accipio, accipi	to receive, accept	accept, acceptance
accuso, accusavi	to accuse	accusation, accuse
audio, audi	to hear, to listen	audio, auditory, audition, auditorium
capio, cepi	to take, grab, seize	capture
celebro, celebravi	to celebrate, honor, glorify	celebrate, celebratory
consido, consensi	to judge, settle, sit	consider, consideration
conspicio, conspexi	to notice, catch sight of	conspicuous
consumo, consumpsi	to eat, devour	consume, consumption
converto, converti	to turn, to change	convert
cupio, cupivi	to want, desire	cupidity, Cupid
defendo, defensi	to defend	defend, defense, defensive
do, dedi	to give	dedicate, donate
dormio, dormui	to sleep	dormant, dormitory
eligo, elegi	to choose, to pick	elect, election, electorate
erro, erravi	to make a mistake	error
exclamo, exclamavi	to shout out	exclaim, exclamation
exerceo, exercui	to practice, put forth effort	exercise
expecto, expectavi	to expect, wait for	expect, expectation
fugo, fugi	to flee, run away	fugitive
gusto, gustavi	to taste	disgusting, gustatory
habeo, habui	to have	have
habito, habitavi	to live in, reside	habitat
inspicio, inspexi	to inspect	inspect, inspection
intellego, intellexi	to know, to understand	intelligence, intelligentsia
intro, intravi	to enter	entrance, enter
invenio, inveni	to find	invent, invention
laboro, laboravi	to work	labor, laboratory
lego, legi	to read	legible, illegible, ledger
libero, liberavi	to set free	liberate, liberty
moveo, movi	to move	move
narro, narravi	to tell, talk about	narrate, narration, narrative
navigo, navigavi	to sail	navigate, navigable
offendo, offendi	to offend, displease	offensive, offender, offend
offerro, obtuli	to offer	offer
(prae)paro, (prae)paravi	to prepare	prepare
plaudo, plausi	to clap, applaud	applaud
pono, posui	to put, place	position
porto, portavi	to carry	portable, porter
procedo, processi	to advance, proceed	proceed, procession
promitto, , promisi	to promise	promising, promise
punio, , punivi	to punish	punish, punitive
puto, , putavi	to think about	compute, computer
quaero, quaesivi	to look for	quest, question
relinquo, reliqui	to give up, leave behind	relinquish

respondeo, respondi
removeo, removi
resisto, restiti
saluto, salutavi
scio, scii
scribo, scripsi
sedeo, sedi
sentio, sensi
specto, spectavi
studeo, studui
terreo, terrui
trado, tradidi
vendo, vendi
video, vidi
visito, visitavi
voco, vocavi

to respond
to remove
to resist, fight against
to greet
to know, understand
to write
to sit, be still
to feel, sense, perceive
to watch, observe, look at
to study
to frighten, to scare
to hand over
to sell
to see
to visit
to call

responsive, respond
remove, removable
resistance, resist
salute, salutation, salutatorian
science
scribe, scribble, script, scripture
sedentary
sense, sensation, sentient
spectator, spectacle, spectacles
study, studious
terrify, terror
trade, tradition
vendor, vending, vend
video, visual
visitor, visitation
evocative, invocation

Nouns

Latin word

(singular subject, singular possessive, gender)

English meanings

Some English derivatives

actor, actoris (m)
adulescens, adulescentis (m)
agricola, agricolae (m)
amicus, amici (m)
animal, animalis (n)
annus, anni (m)
aqua, aquae (f)
architectus, architecti (m)
artifex, artificis (m) or (f)
canis, canis (m)
causa, causae (f)
cella, cellae (f)
civis, civis (m)
corpus, corporis (m)
cursus, cursus (m)
deus, dei (m)
dignitas, dignitatis (f)
discipulus, discipuli (m)
dominus, domini (m)
domus, domus (f)
ego (m) or (f)
epistula, epistulae (f)
faber, fabri (m)
fabula, fabulae (f)
factum, facti (n)
familia, familiae (f)
felis, felis (f)
femina, feminae (f)
filia, filiae (f)
filius, filii (m)
fortuna, fortunae (f)
frater, fratris (m)
gens, gentis (m)
gloria, gloriae (f)
hospes, hospitis (m)
hostis, hostis (m) or (f)
infans, infantis (m)
imperium, imperii (n)
iudex, iudicis (m)

actor
young man, youth
farmer
friend
animal
year
water
architect
artist, creator
dog
cause
cell, small room
citizen
body
course, way
god
dignity
student, disciple
master
home
I
letter
craftsman, builder, maker
story, play
fact, deed, act, achievement
family
cat
woman
daughter
son
fortune, luck
brother
extended family
glory
guest, host
enemy
baby
empire
judge

actor
adolescence, adolescent
agriculture
amicable
animal
annual
aqueduct, aquatic
architecture, architect
artificer, artist
canine
cause
cellar, cell
civil, civilian
corpse, corporeal, corporation
course
deity
dignity
disciple, discipline
dominate
domicile
egocentric, egomaniac
epistle
fabricate, fabric
fable
fact
family
feline
feminine, feminize
filial
filial
fortune, fortunate
fraternal, fraternity
generation, genealogy
glory, glorious
hospitality, hospitable, hospital
hostile, hostility
infant
imperial, imperious
judge

ius, iuris (n)
iuvena, iuvenae (f)
iuvenis, iuvenis (m)
labor, laboris (m)
liber, libri (m)
littera, litterae (f)
locus, loci (m)
magistratus, magistrati (m)
manus, manus (f)
mater, matris (f)
medicus, medici (m)
mercator, mercatoris (m)
miles, militis (m)
modus, modi (m)
mons, montis (m)
mors, mortis (f)
natura, naturae (f)
nauta, nautae (m)
navis, navis (f)
nomen, nominis (n)
nox, noctis (f)
pars, partis (f)
pater, patris (m)
patronus, patroni (m)
pauper, pauperis (m)
pictor, pictoris (m)
pictura, picturae (f)
poeta, poetae (m)
populus, populi (m)
remedium, remedii (n)
responsum, responsi (n)
rex, regis (m)
rus, ruris (n)
sacerdos, sacerdotis (m) or (f)
scriba, scribae (m)
scriptor, scriptoris (m)
sculptor, sculptoris (m)
senatus, senatus (m)
senex, senis (m)
servus, servi (m)
signum, signi (n)
silentium, silentii (n)
situs, situs (m)
soror, sororis (f)
spectator, spectatoris (m)
spongia, spongiae (f)
statua, statuae (f)
templum, templi (n)
tempus, temporis (n)
terra, terrae (f)
theatrum, theatri (n)
tu (m) or (f)
urbs, urbis (f)
verbum, verbi (n)
versus, versus (m)
via, viae (f)
victor, victoris (m)
villa, villae (f)
vigil, vigilis (m)
vinum, vini (n)
vir, viri (m)

law
young lady
young man
work, job
book
literature
place
magistrate, elected official
hand
mother
doctor
merchant
soldier
mode, manner
mountain
death
nature
sailor
ship, boat
name
night
part
father
patron, defender
poor person
painter
picture, painting
poet
people
cure, remedy
answer, response
king
countryside
priest
scribe, secretary
writer
sculptor
Senate
old man
slave
sign, signal, seal, symbol
silence
site, position, situation
sister
spectator
sponge
statue
temple
time
earth, land, ground
theater
you
city
word
verse, song, poem
street, road, path, way
winner, victor
large house
watchman (police/firemen)
wine
man

jurist, just, justice
youthful
juvenile
labor
library
literary, literature, literate, illiterate
local, location, locale
magistrate
manual, manicure
maternal
medical, medicine, medicinal
merchant, merchandise
military, militant, militia
mode
mountainous, Montana
mortal, mortality, mortuary, mortician
nature, natural
nautical
navy, naval
nominate
nocturnal
particle, partial, part
paternal
patron, patronage, patronize
pauper
pictorial
picture, picturesque
poet, poetry
population
remedy, remedial
response, responsible
regal
rural, rustic
sacred, sacrifice
scribe, scribble, inscribe, describe
script
sculpt, sculptor
senate
senile, senior, seniority
servile, servitude
signature, sign, signal
silent, silence
site, situation
sorority
spectator
sponge
statue
temple
temporary
terrestrial, extra-terrestrial, territory, terrain
theater, theatrical
you
urban, urbane
verb, verbal
verse
vehicle, deviate
victory, victorious, victor
villa
vigilant, vigilance
vine, vineyard, wine
virile, virility

vita, vitae (f)
vox, vocis (f)

life
voice

vital
vocal, vocalize

Adjectives

<u>Latin word (masc., fem., neuter: all Nom.)</u>	<u>English meanings</u>	<u>Some English derivatives</u>
absens, absens, absens	absent	absent
antiquus, antiqua, antiquum	old, ancient	antique, antiquated, antiquity
anxius, anxia, anxium	nervous, anxious	anxious
avarus, avara, avarum	greedy, stingy	avaricious
beatus, beata, beatum	happy, blessed, fortunate	beatitude, beauty
bonus, bona, bonum	good	bonus
certus, certa, certum	certain, fixed, settled	certain, certainly
contentus, contenta, contentum	satisfied, content	content
continuus, continua, continuum	continuous	continuous
durus, dura, durum	hard, harsh, tough	durable
elegans, elegans, elegans	elegant	elegant
falsus, falsa, falsum	false, fake	falsify, false
fortis, fortis, forte	brave, strong	fortitude, fortify, fortress
gravis, gravis, grave	heavy ; serious, important	grave, gravity
liberalis, liberalis, liberale	generous	liberal
longus, longa, longum	long	long, longitude
magnus, magna, magnum	big, large, great	magnify, magnificent
malus, mala, malum	bad	malady, malodorous
medius, media, medium	middle	medium, median
meus, mea, meum	my	me
mortuus, mortua, mortuum	dead	mortuary, mortal, mortician
multus, multa, multum	much, many	multiply, multiple
nullus, nulla, nullum	none	nullify
occupatus, oocupata, occupatum	busy	occupied
obesus, obesa, obesum	fat	obese
obscurus, obscura, obscurum	hidden, dark, shadowy	obscure
omnis, omnis, omne	all	omnipotent, omniscient
optimus, optima, optimum	best	optimist, optimistic
pessimus, pessima, pessimus	worst	pessimist, pessimistic
primus, prima, primum	first	primary, prime, primer
prior, prior, prius	earlier	prior
rarus, rara, rarum	rare	rare, rarify, rarity
ridiculus, ridicula, ridiculum	ridiculous, silly	ridiculous
sacer, sacra, sacrum	sacred, holy	sacred
secundus, secunda, secundum	second	second
solus, sola, solum	alone, lonely	solo, solitude
splendidus, splendida, splendidum	splendid	splendid
totus, tota, totum	whole	total, totality, totalitarian
utilis, utilis, utile	useful	utilize, utility

So we see that there are a lot of words in English that come from these (relatively) few Latin words, and that was only scratching the surface! You will see the same thing in all the stages we will study – Latin is everywhere in our own language and you will soon learn to see it hiding in plain sight!! Are there any other English derivatives you can think of that come from our chapter vocabulary list words?

For those English derivatives you don't know the definitions to, look them up!! Whenever you come across a word you don't know in English, use a dictionary (or use www.dictionary.com, a great online dictionary). To see where your English words came from and when they were first used, please visit the Online Etymological (word origins) Dictionary at <http://www.etymonline.com/index.php>