

## Latin Phrases and Declensions

*A few simple rules:*

1. If there are two words in a phrase, it is likely the structure **NOM + GEN** and should be translated as “the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_” e.g. camera oculi = “the chamber of the eye”  
- Beware of adjectives!
2. The first word is always **nominative**

## Latin Declensions Simplified

*The book makes declensions too complicated. Use the simplified list below to help memorize your Latin inflected endings.*

**Nominative = “The \_\_\_\_\_”**

**Genitive = “of the \_\_\_\_\_”**

Nominative Singular	Nominative Plural	Genitive Singular	Genitive Plural
-a	-ae	-ae	-arum
-us	-i	-i	-orum
-um	-a	-u	-um (-ium)
-u	-ūs (rare)	-ūs (rare)	-uum
-ūs (rare)	-es (rare)	-ei	
-es (rare)			

## The Strange Third-Declension Endings

*Third declension nominative singular endings come in very many forms. The best way to recognize them is to use the word order. Use the following list to become familiar with third declension endings, but you do not need to memorize them all.*

Third Declension Nominative Singular	Example Word
-or	Tumor
-io	Articulatio
-itas	Fragilitas
-ix/-ex	Radix/Index
-x	Calx
-o	Longitudo
-is	Pelvis
-ns	Dens
-men	Lumen
-us	Corpus

## Translating Latin Phrases with Adjectives

Phrases with adjectives normally take one of two main forms:

1. NOM. + nom. ADJ + GEN + gen. ADJ
2. NOM + GEN + nom. ADJ

**Remember, any adjective must match the number (singular/plural) of its noun.** Use this rule to help you figure out any confusing endings. E.g. ductus lacrimales: 'ductus' could be singular or plural, 'lacrimales' is definitely plural, so ductus is also plural = "tear ducts".

## Latin Adjectival Endings

Nominative Singular	Nominative Plural	Genitive Singular	Genitive Plural
-us -a -um -is -e	-i -ae -es -ia	-i -ae -is	-orum -arum -ium

Translate the following phrases

ductus lacrimales	processus articulares	arteria transversa faciei
facies dorsalis	dermatitis calorica	flexibilitas cerea
corpus adiposum buccae	filum durae matris spinalis*	oculus dexter
atrium cordis dextrum	musculus longus colli	musculus flexor digit quinti

\*The dura mater is the tough outermost membrane enveloping the brain and spinal cord