

# Knowledge Organiser Latin: Work, Work, Work!

## Grammar Recap

In Latin **nouns** which end in **-a** are **feminine nouns**

**Nouns** which end in **-us** are called **masculine nouns**

**Some feminine nouns:**

villa (house)  
tunica (dress)  
vespa (wasp)

**Some masculine nouns:**

hortus (garden)  
porcus (pig)  
equus (horse)

villa sordida est – the house is dirty  
vespa improba est – the wasp is naughty

hortus squalidus est – the garden is messy  
porcus maximus est – the pig is very big

## Endings to Verbs

If **he/she** is doing the action, then verb ends in **t**

scribit – **he/she** writes  
spectat – **he/she** watches  
laborat – **he/she** works

If **I** am doing the action the verb ends in **o**

scribo – **I** write  
specto – **I** watch  
laboro – **I** work

If **they** are doing the action the verb ends in **nt**

scribunt – **they** are writing  
spectant – **they** are watching  
laborant – **they** are working

In Latin you don't need to use a separate word for "I" or "he" or "they". The ending of the verb tells us who is doing the action.



## Talk like a Roman

A macron, which is a line over the vowel e.g. ā ī ō, is a long vowel

e.g. minime = min-im-ay

The letter R should always be pronounced recognisably in Latin.

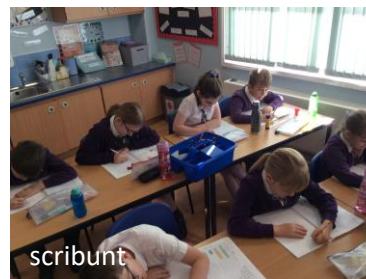
Try rolling it!

I before another vowel is pronounced as Y  
e.g. Iulius sounds like 'Yoolioos'

C and G are always hard, as in cat and gas  
e.g. ancilla = an-kill-a

V was pronounced originally like English w  
e.g. vespa = wespa

'CH' is best pronounced just like C  
e.g. pulcher = pul-ker



## Key Vocab

quod	Because
minime!	No!
validus	Strong
semper	Always
subito	Suddenly
novus/nova	New
ancilla	Slave girl
nunc	Now
quid facis?	What are you doing?

## Some Useful Verbs

scribo	I write
coquo	I cook
specto	I watch
purgo	I clean
lego	I read
verro	I am sweeping
intro	I enter
laboro	I work
rideo	I smile
sedeo	I sit
magister/magista	Teacher (male/female)
princeps	Headteacher

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## legere, to read

lego	I read
legis	You read
legit	He, she or it reads
legimus	We read
legitis	You all read
legunt	They read

## laboare, to work

laboro	I work
laboras	You work
laborat	He, she or it works
laboramus	We work
laboratis	You all work
laborant	They work



## Eye Spy a link!



There are lots of words in English which have their roots in Latin

**scribo** – I write

From scriptum: a writing; book

**Prescription**

an order for medicine which a doctor writes

**Subscription**

an agreement in writing you make to receive something for a specific period of time e.g. a Netflix subscription.

**Specto** – I watch

**Spectator** – a person who looks on (e.g. at a sporting event) inspect

**Spectacles** – eyeglasses which help you to see

## The Working Day

Candidus, Corinthus and Pandora's day began early.

Vindolanda is in the North East of England so it can be very cold. One of the first jobs for Candidus and Corinthus the would be to fire up the hypocaust.

When Flavius awoke, they would be expected to assist dressing him.

When the day properly began, Candidus, Corinthus and Pandora would start tasks such as teaching the children, cleaning the villa, washing clothes, tidying a garden etc.

Candidus would work in a kitchen preparing the day's meals.

When the family bathed at home, the slaves would help by drying them once they had finished and dressing them.



Favius and his family would have lived in a Commanding Officer's house like this one.



At Vindolanda you can still see a room in the Commanding Officer's house that was heated by hot air using a system known as hypocaust. It was their version of central heating! Toasty!!