

The Latin We Use Today

A. Latin Words and Phrases That We Use Today: Match the words on the left to their correct definitions on the right. Make sure to use each definition only once. Write the letter of the correct answer in the boxes to the left of the words.

	1. alibi	A. What today describes one's self-esteem simply meant "I" in Latin (first person singular pronoun).
	2. agenda	B. This word is used to describe a requirement demanded by one party to another, often as a threat of retaliation or war.
	3. ego	C. Meaning "I forbid" in Latin, this right is used to stop the process of a decision such as the signature of a new law. In the U.K. it is called the Royal Consent.
	4. acumen	D. The thing you desperately need if you are suspected of some shenanigans; it means "elsewhere" in Latin, and if you were elsewhere, how could you have stolen the cookies?
	5. quid pro quo	E. The biggest
	6. gratis	F. Literally "I see" in Latin, the word is used in English to describe any recorded film, short clip, or an old VHS cassette.
	7. ultimatum	G. This Latin word simply means "road", but it is mostly used today to say "by way of" or "passing through".
	8. veto	H. Meaning <i>kindness</i> in Latin, this word is used in English as <i>free of charge, at no cost</i> .
	9. vice versa	I. In Latin, the expression was used to describe a document that had been verified, literally a paper that had been seen.
	10. via	J. The noun describing someone's quick perception and sharp spirit comes from the Latin word meaning "sharp point".
	11. visa	K. The Latin phrase for "the position having been reversed".
	12. video	L. The smallest
	13. maximum	M. From the Latin verb "agere" meaning <i>to act</i> ; it is used to describe a list of items that might be discussed during a meeting, a plan of action to be done, or the ulterior motives of a particular person.
	14. minimum	N. The term was originally used by apothecaries when they would substitute one ingredient for another. Today it means "I'll scratch your back if you scratch mine".

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2. The Latin Words That We Commonly Write: Unscramble the letters to make Latin words and phrases that we still write today. Write the correct answer in the box to the left of the jumbled letters.

Answer	Jumble	Definition
1.	da cho	- formed for a particular purpose
2.	da ilb	- improvised, is often used to describe the performance of an artist who has not prepared anything
3.	taler goe	- describes an intimate and close friend who you trust with all your secrets
4.	bano fdie	- real, genuine
5.	atcave	- a stipulation or condition often included in a contract or lease
6.	sunsensoc	- agreement
7.	ed cofat	- describes a person or institution who has no legal rights but who in practice holds the power of a position
8.	ed eruj	- by law
9.	gore	- therefore
10.	clexoire	- ever upward
11.	ramjo	- great, important or serious, this word also describes the main subject one might study at university.
12.	ame palcu	- through my own fault; it is often used as "I am sorry."
13.	rep tapica	- for each person
14.	pre mide	- for each day
15.	rep es	- specifically, by itself
16.	atimverb	- in exactly the same words

3. Common Latin Abbreviations in Use Today: Do you know what these abbreviations mean? Write the words that we say when we read aloud or speak these abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Latin	Translation (What we say.)
A. etc.	et cetera	(3 words)
B. e.g.	exempli gratia	(2 words)
C. i.e.	id est,	(2/3 words)
D. sic	Used to indicate that a quoted passage, especially one containing an error or unconventional spelling, has been retained in its original form or written intentionally.	(1 word)
E. et al.	et alii	(2 words)

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Abbreviation	Latin	Translation (What we say.)
F. p.a.	per annum	(2 words)
G. P.S.	post scriptum	(2 words)
H. v., vs.	versus	(1 word)
I. N.B.	nota bene (It is used in text to draw attention to a particular piece of text or information.)	(2 words)
J. AD	anno domini	(5 words)
K. AM	ante meridiem	(2 words)
L. PM	post meridiem	(2 words)
M. ca.	circa, (cp. in English)	(2 words)
N. CV	curriculum vitae	(1 word)
O. lb, lbs	libra (This is a weight in the imperial system of measurement.)	(1 word)
P. pro tem	pro tempore (temporarily)	(4 words)
Q. Q.E.D.	quod erat demonstrandum (Cited in many texts at the end of a mathematical proof.)	(5 words)
R. re	in re (re: intern position)	(1 word)
S. Reg.	regina (A part of the monarch's title. It is found on all British coins minted during the reign of a monarch who is a queen.)	(1 word)
T. R.I.P.	requiescat in pace	(3 words)
U. M.D.	medicinae doctor	(3 words)

4. Some Vulgar Latin Expressions Commonly Seen and Used Today: Match the common expressions in the box to their English definitions. Write the expression next to the appropriate definition. For Live Worksheets, make sure to write the expressions *EXACTLY* as they appear in the box.

• veni, vidi, vici	• in extremis	• in vitro	• in situ	• memento mori
• carpe diem	• semper fidelis	• res publica	• status quo	

A.	used in science and especially in biology, this term meaning "in the glass", describes any process that occurred in a laboratory	
B.	always faithful	
C.	is the opposite of <i>in vitro</i> and describes anything happening in nature or in its original place	
D.	seize the day	
E.	the existing state of affairs, maintaining this is making sure that nothing changes	son

F.	I came, I saw, I conquered	
G.	this describes someone in an extremely difficult situation	
H.	a public matter; in English this refers to the state, commonwealth, or republic	
I.	remember that you will die	

5. Some More Vulgar Latin Expressions Commonly Seen and Used Today: **Do the same thing here as you did in Exercise 4. Bona fortuna!!**

• e pluribus unum • memento mori • ars longa, vita brevis • alter ego • annuit coeptis
• cogito, ergo sum • dei gratia regina • novus ordo seclorum • sapientia et doetrina

A.	favors (our) undertakings	
B.	remember that you shall die	
C.	by the grace of God, Queen ...	
D.	wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times	
E.	out of many, one	
F.	art is long, but life is short	
G.	a new order of the ages (is born)	
H.	I think; therefore, I am	
I.	my other self (the other I)	



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