

Latin: The Common Legal Language of Europe?

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1. Legal language is _____ and _____ with one particular society and its legal system.

2. The _____ language was the common legal language in the past.

3. _____ is the common mother tongue of Western European culture?

4. The _____ carried the Latin language around the world as they conquered the world?

5. In what six areas was Latin the language of the new ruling power?
(alphabetical order, one word for each space)

A. (a) _____

D. (l) _____

B. (g) _____

E. (m) _____

C. (j) _____

F. (t) _____

6. When did the Roman Empire go belly-up? (number and letters)

7. Even after the Middle Ages Latin was the language in what three realms?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

8. The _____ formed the basis of the development of Roman law.

9. Legal languages are dependent upon the _____ and the _____ to which they belong.

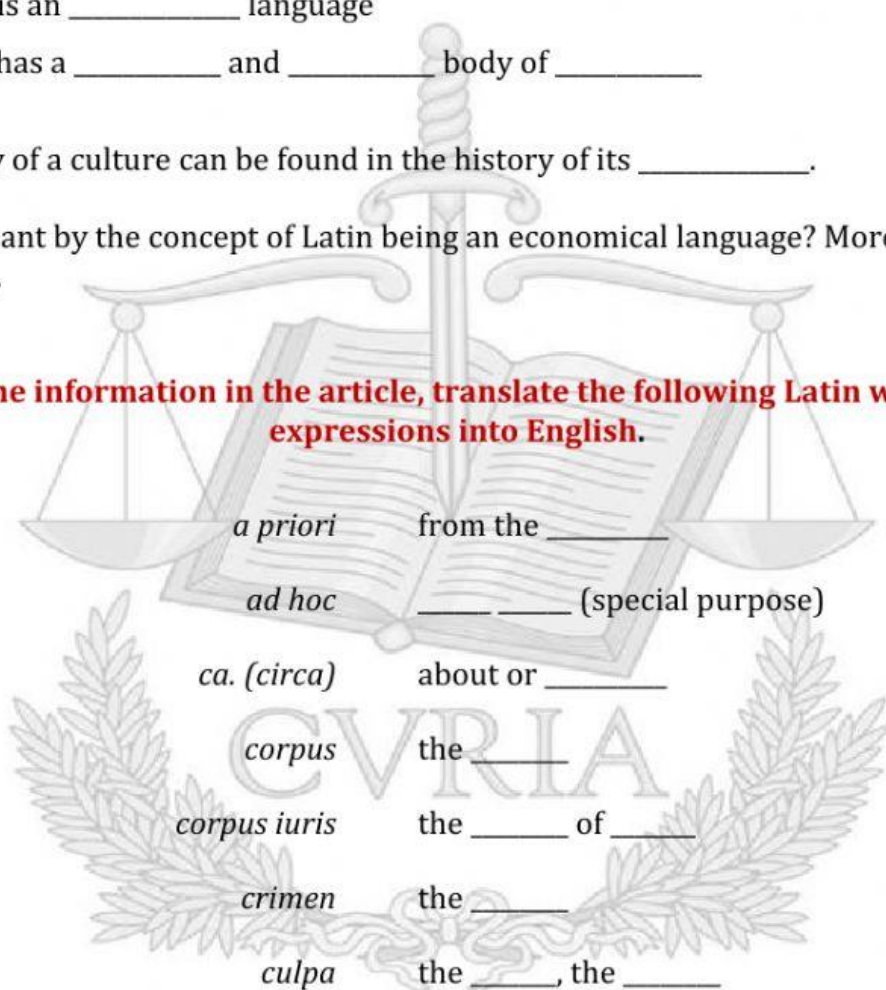
10. A basic knowledge of Latin is essential for grasping the _____ between _____ and other languages including matters of _____ and _____.

11. More than _____ Latin terms are part of the active vocabulary of Estonian and Finnish lawyers.

12. Language is _____, _____, and _____ in response to the manifold and ever-changing demands of society and the _____ in which it is set.

13. The Latin phrase *ius civile* signified _____ during the middle ages in Europe.
14. _____ help us improve our knowledge of our own legal language.
15. _____ can create misunderstandings in international communication.
16. There are three reasons why the application of Latin would be effective as a common legal language of Europe.
- A. The language's strong _____ with the development of European law
 - B. Latin is an _____ language
 - C. Latin has a _____ and _____ body of _____
17. The history of a culture can be found in the history of its _____.
18. What is meant by the concept of Latin being an economical language? More can be said in _____.

Using the information in the article, translate the following Latin words and expressions into English.



<i>a priori</i>	from the _____
<i>ad hoc</i>	_____ (special purpose)
<i>ca. (circa)</i>	about or _____
<i>corpus</i>	the _____
<i>corpus iuris</i>	the _____ of _____
<i>crimen</i>	the _____
<i>culpa</i>	the _____, the _____
<i>culpa in contrahendo</i>	pre-contractual _____
<i>de facto</i>	
<i>de lege ferenda</i>	according to the _____ it is _____ to _____
<i>de lege lata</i>	according to the law _____
<i>expressis verbis</i>	
<i>factum</i>	the _____, the _____

forum the _____ of _____
ibid. (ibidem) in the same _____ or _____
in dubio pro reo the presumption of _____

ius

lex

lex fori the law of the _____

lex mercatoria

lex specialis derogate generali a special statute _____ a general one

ne bis in idem not _____ for the _____

op. cit.

pactum

poena

prima facie

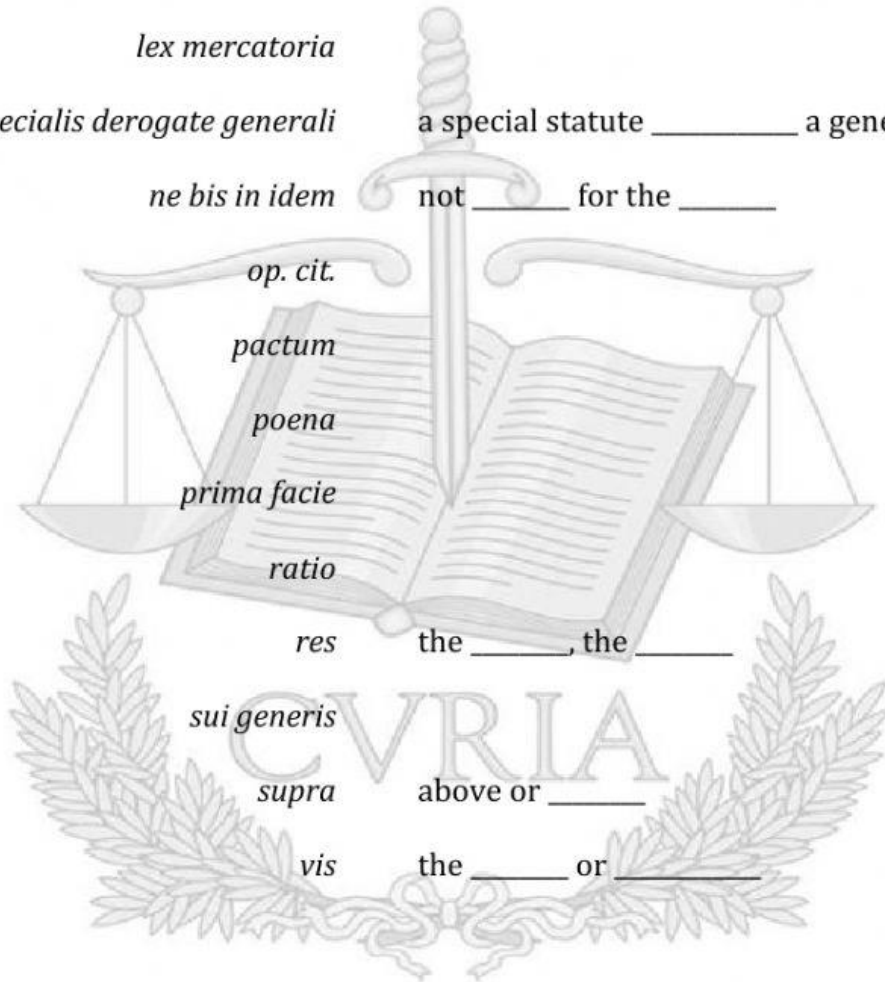
ratio

res the _____, the _____

sui generis

supra above or _____

vis the _____ or _____



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