

PARTS OF SPEECH

There are eight parts of speech in Latin, as in English:

noun, pronoun, adjective, verb, adverb, conjunction, preposition, interjection.

1. A **NOUN** is a word used to express the name of a person, place, thing, or idea.

regina <i>queen</i>	charta <i>paper, map</i>	insula <i>island</i>
fabula <i>story</i>	Europa <i>Europe</i>	sapientia <i>wisdom</i>

Nouns have gender: Masculine, Feminine, or Neuter
number: Singular or Plural
case: Nominative, Genitive, Dative, Accusative, Ablative

2. A **PRONOUN** is a word used in the place of a noun.

is <i>he</i>	tu <i>you (sing.)</i>	The personal pronoun is not expressed if it is clear from the context who is the subject of the verb, since the verb ending indicates the subject.
ea <i>she</i>	ego <i>I</i>	
id <i>it</i>	vos <i>you (pl.)</i>	
eam <i>her</i>	nos <i>we</i>	
eum <i>him</i>	ei <i>they</i>	

3. An **ADJECTIVE** is a word used to describe a noun.

amicus bonus <i>a good friend</i>	puella pulchra <i>a beautiful girl</i>	magnum templum <i>a large temple</i>
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4. A **VERB** is a word used to express action or state of being.

amant	<i>they love, they are loving, they do love</i>
sunt	<i>they are</i>
vocamus	<i>we call, we are calling, we do call</i>

5. An **ADVERB** is a word used to describe a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

ita <i>thus</i>	satis <i>enough</i>	primum <i>first</i>
celeriter <i>quickly</i>	plus <i>more</i>	tum <i>then</i>

6. A **PREPOSITION** introduces a phrase which consists of the preposition and its object.

in silva <i>in the forest</i>	in caelum <i>into the sky</i>	cum amicis <i>with friends</i>
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7. A **CONJUNCTION** is a connecting word used to join words, phrases, clauses or sentences.

A conjunction can connect equal ideas (coordinate):

pueri et puellae *boys and girls*

A conjunction can connect unequal parts (subordinate):

Dum lacrimat, Troia ardet, *While she weeps, Troy burns.*

8. An **INTERJECTION** is a word showing strong feeling or emotion.

o! <i>oh</i>	eheu! <i>alas</i>	mehercule! <i>by Hercules</i>
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