## ANSWER KEY

## Latin for Children <br> — PRIMER A



## How to Teach

# Latin for Children Primer A 

## A Suggested Schedule

This is a basic weekly schedule, taking approximately thirty minutes per day, to be modified as necessary by the teacher.

Day One: Present the paradigm (grammar chant) and vocabulary, and introduce the grammar from the Grammar Lesson. The students should chant through the paradigm and vocabulary two to three times. Watch the video.

Day Two: Review the paradigm (grammar chant) and vocabulary and have students chant through them again two to three times. Spend time explaining the Grammar Lesson, paying special attention to the examples. You may want to have students read the Grammar Lesson aloud, and then ask them which sentences appear to be the most important. Have the students circle those key sentences (with a colored pencil, if possible) for future reference. After this, the worksheet can be started in class or assigned as homework. The students should also begin Activity Book! exercises (to impart mastery of the vocabulary and paradigm).

Day Three: Once again, the day should start with some quick chanting of the paradigm and vocabulary. The worksheet should be either started or completed. Check students' work and have them make any necessary corrections. Grammar should be reviewed and retaught as necessary. One means of reviewing grammar can be to view the grammar video again, to ensure students understand the key grammatical concepts for that chapter. Continue with Activity Book! assignments (this could be done as homework or as part of the students' seatwork).

Day Four: Have students do a quick chanting of the paradigm and vocabulary. Next, have them complete the puzzles from the Activity Book! chapter. Review the video as necessary. Begin the History Reader after students have completed the worksheet. (Note: We suggest starting the LFCA History Reader roughly halfway through the LFCA textbook.)

Day Five: Students should take the quiz. Finish/complete the History Reader chapter.

## Chapter Story

## Along the Appian Way, Part 1

Italy, during the reign of Tiberius Julius Caesar, AD 14-37
Marcus stared down at the road beneath his feet, studying it intently.
"Did you find any yet?" asked Julia, who was now getting quite bored. "Why did I decide dare (_to give ) my afternoon for this silly hunt?" She kicked a rock, sending it skittering away.

Marcus moved back and forth, methodically scanning between the stones that made up the road. He didn't answer, but reviewed the map on the scroll he was holding.
"Hello? Marcus, are we rich yet? I could have stayed home if I wanted labōrāre
$\qquad$
to work
Marcus looked up. "No, but I bet there's something right around the corner. This is the Appian Way, the finest road in the world! $\operatorname{Am\overline {o}}$ (__ I love_ ) this road! Remember when we found three coins all in the same day?" He tapped an area on the map. "Right here by the silva ( $\qquad$ )."
"Yes, yes. And we nearly got arrested for theft!" said Julia. "Remember that part of the fäbula
$\qquad$
Marcus shook his head. "If we could even find one coin, it could buy us-"
"Wait! Wait ..." Julia interrupted. She got quiet and listened. "Do you hear that?" The terra ( earth ) began to shake.

A horse suddenly galloped into view, rounding the corner from behind a line of cypress trees. Julia dove off the side of the road. Marcus froze as the rider barrelled down on him.

## Grammar Lesson

## Verbs: Action Words

In this first chapter, you will learn five verbs and five nouns. The first five words on your vocabulary list are verbs. Verbs are words that show action or a state of being. For example, in the clause "I work in the forest," which word is the action word? Well, "work," of course! The way we say "I work" in Latin is labōrō: so labōrō is a verb, a Latin action word. Sometimes verbs can show a state of being, too, like when we say, "He is tired." The word "is" is a kind of verb that shows a state of being (being tired), but we will teach you about verbs that show a state of being later. For now, just remember the definition of verbs as words that show action or a state of being.

## Latin: Fewer Words Than English, But Many Word Endings

There are a lot of words in English, but they rarely have different endings. For example, the verb "love" stays the same whether we say "I love," "we love," or "they love." Sometimes we do add an ending, like when we say "he loves" or "we loved." In Latin, though, the verb for love ( $a m \bar{o}$ ) changes its ending very often! We will learn the various endings that come with Latin verbs (and nouns) so that we can know what they mean and how to translate them. (To translate a Latin word, by the way, means to tell what a Latin word means in English. The translation of amō is "I love.") Now you know that Latin is a language of many endings, but fewer words than English!

Look at the chant chart at the beginning of the chapter. It shows you one of the most common words in Latin (the verb "love") with all its endings: the singular and the plural for present, active, and indicative-six endings in all. When we list a verb with all its endings, it's called conjugating a verb. TN

You can also see that a Latin verb such as amō actually contains two words in English! The word amō means "I love," so it contains not only the word "love," but also the word "I." The ending of the verb ( $-o$ in this case) tells you that it is " I " who is doing the loving. Pronouns such as " I " "you," "he," "she," "it," "we," and "they" are all little words that tell you who is doing the action of the verb. The ending of a Latin verb tells you which pronoun to use in English. We will study these endings next week, so don't worry too much about them now. Figure 1-1, however, shows you how the verb endings change:

Teacher's Note: This is from the Latin coniugō, which means "join together," because when we conjugate a verb we join an ending to the verb's stem.

Figure 1-1: Verb endings for $a m \bar{o}$

| Singular | Plural |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| 1st person | amō: I love | amāmus: we love |
| 2nd person | amās: you love | amātis: you all love |
| 3rd person | amat: he, she, or it loves | amant: they love |

## A Verb in Four Parts: The Four Principal Parts

If you look at the Memory Page, you will see that each Latin verb has four different forms (amō, amāre, amāvī, amãtum). We call each form a principal part. Why? Because each part is an important form that shows us how to make other forms of the verb. It is a principal part because it is an important part to know. No need to worry about the other forms that come from these principal parts: you will learn those in good time. Learning the principal parts now, however, will be fun and will save you a lot of time later!

## Worksheet

## A. Translation

1. amō I love
2. intrō I enter
3. dō I give
4. labōrō I work
5. fäbula story
6. In prīncipiō erat Verbum. In the beginning was the Word.
B. Chant Conjugate the verb $\boldsymbol{a} \boldsymbol{m} \overline{\mathbf{o}}$. See if you can remember how to fill in the boxes.

|  | Singular | Plural |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1st person | amō | amāmus |
| 2nd person | amās | amātis |
| 3rd person | amat | amant |

## C. Grammar

1. In Latin, both $\qquad$ and $\qquad$ have endings.
2. Latin is a language of fewer $\qquad$
words
but many $\qquad$ endings .
3. What kind of word names the action or state of being in a sentence? A verb
4. To $\qquad$ conjugate $a$ verb is to $\qquad$ all of its $\qquad$ .

## D. Derivatives

On the next page we explain what a derivative is, but before you head there, in the following sentences try to figure out the derivative by circling the word that you think might come from the Latin word that is provided.

> 1. Aesop is famous for hisfles animals. (fäbula)
> 2. Reward will follow hard times (labor $($ labōrō $)$


Latin adventure, check off your progress using the checklist that begins on page 245 .

## Derivatives

Thousands of English words come from Latin. We call these English words derivatives because they are derived (taken) from an original Latin word called the Latin root. For instance, the word "derivative" is itself a derivative. It comes from the Latin words $d \bar{e}$ (down from) and rīvus (river, stream). This means that a derivative is a word that flows down or off a river of... words!

## A. Study

Study the following English derivatives that come from the Latin words you have learned this week:

| Latin | English |
| :---: | :---: |
| amō | amity, amorous, enamor, amateur |
| dō | donate, donation |
| intrō | entrance, introduce, introduction |
| labōrō | labor, laboratory |
| nārrō | narrate, narration, narrative |
| aqua | aquatic |
| fābula | fable, fabulous |
| porta | portable, port |
| silva | Pennsylvania |
| terra | extraterrestrial, terrain, terrarium |



Fun Fact!
Speaking of aqua, sometimes the Romans would flood the Colosseum in order to hold boat battles. Don't try that in gym class!

## B. Define

In a dictionary, look up one of the English derivatives from the list above and write its definition in the space below:

## C. Apply

1. The Latin phrase terra firma is still used by English speakers today. Here is an example of its use: "After being on a plane for six hours, it sure felt good to walk on terra firma." What do you think the phrase terra firma might mean? Write your answer below:


## Terra firma means "firm ground."

2. The word "Pennsylvania" is another Latin derivative. Pennsylvania was one of the original thirteen colonies that formed the United States. It was founded by William Penn. What do you think the word "Pennsylvania" might mean? Circle your answer below:
a. The land of big pencils
b. The land of Penn
c. Penn's Woods

## A. Vocabulary

## Latin

## English

amō, amāre, amāvī, amātum I love, to love, I loved, loved dō, dare, dedī, datum I give, to give, I gave, given
intrō, intrāre, intrāvī, intrātum I enter, to enter, I entered, entered
labōrō, labōrāre, labōrāvī, labōrātum I work, to work, I worked, worked nārrō, nārrāre, nārrāvī, nārrātum I tell, to tell, I told, told aqua, aquae water
fābula, fābulae story
porta, portae gate silva, silvae forest
terra, terrae earth
B. Chant Conjugate the verb amō.

See if you can remember how to fill in the boxes.

|  | Singular | Plural |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1st person | amō | amāmus |
| 2nd person | amās | amātis |
| 3rd person | amat | amant |

C. Grammar Define the following words.

1. Conjugation: The listing of all of a verb's forms or endings.
2. Verb: A word that shows action.
3. List the four principal parts: $\qquad$

## Present, Infinitive, Perfect, and Passive Participle or Supine

## Chapter Story

## Along the Appian Way, Part 2

As he watched the horse galloping toward him, Marcus couldn't decide which way to jump to get out of the way. The rider pulled hard on the reins. The horse skidded and slipped as it tried to stop on the smooth rocks on the surface of the Roman via ( $\qquad$ road ).
Julia gasped. Marcus only managed to wince and clamp his eyes shut. The horse stopped just in front of Marcus, snorting warmly in his face.

Unfortunately, the rider did not stop.
Julia watched as the rider tumbled up over the horse's neck and launched into the air over Marcus's head. The rider landed on his back with a nasty thump, his bag falling into a fossa (__ ditch ), spilling several scrolls and a half-eaten loaf of bread onto the ground.

All was still again except for a soft aura (__ breeze ).
Marcus and Julia quickly scrambled over to the rider to help. As Julia helped the rider to his feet, Marcus collected the scattered scrolls. He noticed the glittering gold seals that secured some scrolls.

## "Are you OK?!" <br> "I am sooooo sorry."

The messenger looked dazed but he hastily dusted himself off. Then he turned with a scowl and grabbed his scrolls from Marcus's hands.
"I . . I I didn't mean to be in your-"
Without so much as a word, the rider swung back up on his horse. With a kick of his heels, the rider and horse disappeared down the via (__ road $)$.

## Grammar Lesson

## Present-Tense Verb Endings

|  | Singular | Plural |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st person | - $\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ | -mus |
| 2nd person | -s | -tis |
| 3rd person | -t | -nt |

Figure 2-1: Present-tense verb endings

## Worksheet

A. Translation New and Review Vocabulary

1. amō I love
2. rēgīna queen
3. via road, way
4. pātria fatherland, country
5. fābula story
6. amātis you all love
7. intrant they enter
8. nārrās* you tell
9. labōrāmus* we work
10. dat* he/she gives
11. In prīncipiō erat Verbum. In the beginning was the Word.
${ }^{*}$ Note that these verb forms come from the conjugation of narrō, labōrō, and dō. See the previous page. Can you conjugate these verbs in all their forms?
B. Chant Give the present-tense verb endings and fill in the boxes.

|  | Singular | Plural |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st person | $-\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ | -mus |
| 2nd person | - s | -tis |
| 3rd person | -t | -nt |

## C. Grammar

1. The number of a verb answers the question " $\qquad$ ?"
2. Latin is a language of many $\qquad$ endings but fewer $\qquad$ .
3. Write the ending that fits the description below:
Description
Ending

| 1st person singular | $-\overline{\mathrm{o}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3rd person plural | -nt |
| 2nd person singular | -s |

4. To conjugate a verb is to list all of its $\qquad$ .

## D. Derivatives

1. To find out about dinosaurs you must dig up a $\qquad$ fossil . (fossa)
2. To find out what happens next in the story, turn the $\qquad$ . (pāgina)

## Derivatives

## A. Study

Study the English derivatives that come from the Latin words you have learned this week.

| Latin | English |
| :---: | :---: |
| via | way, viaduct |
| fossa | fossil, fossilize |
| mēnsa | mesa |
| pāgina | page |
| cēna | cenacle |
| pātria | patriot, patriotic |
| aura | aroma |
| rēgīna | reign, regal |
| insula | insular, insulate |



## Fun Fact!

Insula was also the name given to a type of apartment building used in ancient Roman cities. Insula were usually 3 or 4 stories high and often took up a whole city block.

## B. Define

In a dictionary, look up two of the English derivatives from the list above and write their definitions in the spaces below:

1. $\qquad$
2. 

## C. Apply

1. The Latin word via is still used by English speakers today. Here are some examples:
"He traveled here via airplane."
"Come via the freeway. Don't drive through the city streets."
In these sentences, via probably means:
a. very
b. by way of
c. quickly
2. The Latin word pātria means "fatherland." In the patriotic song "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" by Samuel Francis Smith, what clue can you find that helps you understand why people often call their country their "fatherland"?

My country, 'tis of thee, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,

From every mountainside
Let freedom ring!

It is the land where their fathers lived and died.

## A. New Vocabulary

Latin

| via, viae | road, way |
| ---: | :--- |
| fossa, fossae | ditch |
| mēnsa, mēnsae | table |
| mēta, mētae | turning point, goal |
| pāgina, pāginae | page |
| cēna, cēnae | dinner |
| pātria, pātriae | fatherland, country |
| aura, aurae | breeze |
| rēgīna, rēgīnae | queen |
| innsula, īnsulae | island |

## B. Review Vocabulary

Latin

## English

dō, dare, dedī, datum I give, to give, I gave, given
labōrō, labōrāre,
labōrāvī, labōrātum I work, to work, I worked, worked
aqua, aquae water
silva, silvae forest
terra, terrae earth
C. Chant Give the present-tense verb endings and fill in the boxes.

|  | Singular | Plural |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1st person | $-\overline{\mathbf{o}}$ | -mus |
| 2nd person | -s | -tis |
| 3rd person | -t | -nt |

D. Grammar Define the following terms.

1. Number: How many people are doing the verb's action (singular or plural).
2. Person: Who is doing the verb's action (1st, 2nd, or 3rd person).

Chapter 2

# Chapter 

## Memory Page

Arma virumque canō.*
Of arms and the man I sing. -Vergil's Aeneid
New Chant
First-Declension Noun-mēnsa

| Case | Noun <br> Job** | Singular | Plural |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Nominative | SN, PrN | mēnsa: table | mēnsae: tables |
| Genitive | PNA | mēnsae: of the table | mēnsārum: of the tables |
| Dative | IO | mēnsae: to, for the table | mēnsīs: to, for the tables |
| Accusative | DO, OP | mēnsam: the table | mēnsās: the tables |
| Ablative | OP | mēnsā: by, with, from the table | mēnsīs: by, with, from the tables |

## Vocabulary

## Latin English

## Verbs

errō, errāre, errāvī, errātum I wander, to wander, I wandered, wandered
stō, stāre, stetī, statum
parō, parāre, parāvī, parātum
spectō, spectāre, spectāvī, spectātum
sum, esse, fuī, futūrum

I stand, to stand, I stood, stood
I prepare, to prepare, I prepared, prepared
I look at, to look at, I looked at, seen I am, to be, I was, about to be TN

Teacher's Note: The verb sum, esse, fui, futurum is an irregular verb, but one that is very common. You will note that the forms of its principal parts don't follow the pattern of other (regular) verbs in this list. For now, students will simply need to memorize this important verb as an irregular verb.

## Nouns

ancilla, ancillae (f)
glōria, glōriae (f)
īra, īrae (f)
anger
unda, undae (f)
fenestra, fenestrae (f)
wave

window

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## Chapter Story

## Along the Appian Way, Part 3

Marcus decided that he was done getting rich for one day. He and Julia ran off to play somewhere safer.

Julia threw a rock into the ocean as a small unda (__ wave ) splashed gently onto the beach. "It's a good thing you didn't hurt that scroll you borrowed. You know what our teacher, Master Balbus, would have done to you if you had ripped his map? You don't want to stir up his īra (_ anger )."
"No, I do not and I don't want to think about it," Marcus said as he tried to relax, squishing his toes into the warm sand. "Sum (_I am ) happy stāre (__ to stand ) here and try to relax. Getting nearly run over by a horse is scary enough for one day, thank you."

Marcus pulled out the borrowed map of his hometown once more. He knew if he were ever to be a Roman road builder he would have to study the very best-

Wait a minute! Marcus spun the scroll around in his hands. It seemed to be stuck together and wouldn't open.

He gasped. Julia spun around spectāre (__ to look at _ ) Marcus. "What's wrong?"
"I'm dead."
The scroll that now lay in Marcus's hand was not his teacher's scroll. The scroll in Marcus's hand had a bright golden seal!

## Grammar Lesson

## Noun Declensions

Do you remember what a noun is from your English grammar class? Just in case you forgot, a noun is a word that names a person, place, thing, or sometimes an idea. Do you remember how in the last chapter we found that verbs have all sorts of different endings? Well, nouns have a whole set of endings all their own. As we have learned, when we put together all of the different forms of a verb, we call it conjugating a verb. When we put together the different forms of a noun, we call it declining a noun. When we create a chart of a declined noun, we call that chart a declension.

## Worksheet

A. Translation New and Review Vocabulary

1. errō I wander
2. stō I stand
3. parō I prepare
4. spectō I look at
5. sum I am
6. fossa ditch
7. pātria fatherland, country
8. ira anger
9. unda wave
10. via road, way
11. Arma virumque canō. Of arms and the man I sing.
B. Chant Fill in the endings and translate the forms of ménsa given below. The first one has been done for you.

| Case | Singular | Plural |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Nominative | mēns a: table | mēns ae: tables |
| Genitive | mēns ae: of the table | mēns ārum: of the tables |
| Dative | mēns ae: to or for the table | mēns īs: to or for the tables |
| Accusative | mēns am: table | mēns as: tables |
| Ablative | mēns ā: by, with, from the table | mēns īs: by, with, from the tables |

## C. Grammar

1.A noun n names a $\qquad$ person , place , $\qquad$ thing or $\qquad$ .
2. Singular and $\qquad$ plural are the two options for $\qquad$ number .
3. Number answers the question " $\qquad$ How many $\qquad$ ?"
4. Masculine, $\qquad$ , and neuter are the three options for $\qquad$ .
5. Giving all the endings for a verb is called conjugating it, whereas listing all the forms of a noun is called $\qquad$ it.

## D. Derivatives

1. Watching football on the couch can be called a $\qquad$ sport. (spectō)
2. To defenestrate something is to throw it out the window. (fenestra, preceded by de for "out")

## Derivatives

## A. Study

Study the English derivatives that come from the Latin words you have learned this week:

| Latin | English |
| :---: | :---: |
| errō | error, erroneous |
| stō | station, stationary, static |
| parō | prepare, parry, pare |
| spectō | spectator, spectacle, |
| spectacular, speculate |  |
| ancilla | ancillary |
| glōria | glorious, glorify, glory |
| ira | irritate, irate, irritable |
| unda | undulate, inundate |
| fenestra | defenestrate |

## Fun Fact! <br> In ancient Rome, books, written on scrolls, took a long time to make. Copies were made by having someone read the book aloud while scribes would write an exact copy. <br> There was no Roman god Xerox.

## B. Define

In a dictionary, look up three of the English derivatives from the list above and write their definitions in the spaces below:

1. $\qquad$
2. $\qquad$
3. $\qquad$

## C. Apply

1. Errāre hūmānum est. This is a famous saying from the Roman philosopher Seneca. Can you figure out what it means? (Hint: hūmānum means "human.")

Give your translation here: To err is human.
2. "Inundate," a derivative of the Latin word unda, means "to flood with waves." The following sentence uses "inundate" and several other derivatives. Underline all the derivatives in this sentence:

The secretary was inundated with so much paperwork that she made error after error and became extremely irritated.
3. Now write your own sentence using at least two derivatives from this week's vocabulary list above.

## A. New Vocabulary

## Latin

## English

errō, errāre, errāvī, errātum I wander, to wander, I wandered, wandered
stō, stāre, stetī, statum I stand, to stand, I stood, stood
parō, parāre, parāvī, parātum I prepare, to prepare, I prepared, prepared spectō, spectāre, spectāvī, spectātum I look at, to look at, I looked at, seen
sum, esse, fuī, futūrum I am, to be, I was, about to be ancilla, ancillae maidservant
glōria, glōriae glory
īra, īrae anger
unda, undae wave
fenestra, fenestrae window
B. Chant Give the chant for the declension of mēnsa and fill in the boxes.

| Case | Noun Job | Singular | Plural |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nominative | SN, PrN | mēnsa | mēnsae |
| Genitive | PNA | mēnsae | mēnsārum |
| Dative | IO | mēnsae | mēnsīs |
| Accusative | DO, OP | mēnsam | mēnsās |
| Ablative | OP | mēnsā | mēnsīs |

C. Grammar Define the following terms.

1. Noun: part of speech that names a person, place, thing, or idea
2. Declension: listing of all the forms of a noun
3. What question does the number of a noun answer? How many?
4. What are the two options for number? singular and plural
5. What are the three options for gender? masculine, feminine, and neuter

[^0]:    *Canō is a synonym of cantō. Both verbs mean "I sing."
    **The letters in this column are abbreviations (short ways of saying something) for noun jobs that will be explained in chapter 9. Note them, but there is no need to memorize them.

