

Outline of Latin Vocabulary
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a fortiori

forced {a fortiori}.

ab initio in Latin

from beginning {ab initio, Latin}.

ad hoc

expedient {ad hoc}.

ad infinitum

forever {ad infinitum}.

ad interim

meantime {ad interim}.

ad lib

extemporaneous {ad lib}.

ad loc.

at cited location {ad loc.} {ad locum}.

ad nauseum

over and over {ad nauseum}.

ad rem

relevant {ad rem}.

ad valorem

by value {ad valorem}.

alma mater

college {alma mater}.

alter ego

alternate personality {alter ego}.

alumna

female graduate {alumna}.

alumnus

male graduate {alumnus}.

animus

disposition or animosity {animus}.

Anno Domini

year after BC by Christian calendar {Anno Domini}.

ante meridian

before noon {ante meridian} (AM).

aqua vitae

liqueur {aqua vitae}.

ave

hail {ave}.

bona fide

in good faith {bona fide}|.

carpe diem

seize the day {carpe diem}.

casus belli

cause of war or dispute {casus belli}.

caveat in Latin

beware of, or warning {caveat, Latin}.

ceteris paribus

other things being equal {ceteris paribus}.

circa

near time {circa}.

cornucopia horn

horn of plenty {cornucopia, horn} {horn of plenty}.

cui bono

self-interest {cui bono}.

cum with

with {cum}.

cum laude

with honor {cum laude}.

curriculum vitae

scholar's resume {curriculum vitae}.

de facto

in fact {de facto}|.

de jure

in accordance with law {de jure}|.

de novo

new {de novo}.

desideratum

desirable thing {desideratum}.

e pluribus unum

one out of many {e pluribus unum}.

ejecta

ejected matter {ejecta}.

emeritus

retired with same title {emeritus}.

encomium

tribute {encomium}.

ergo

therefore {ergo}.

errata

list of mistakes and their corrections {errata}.

erratum

error {erratum}.

et cetera

and {et cetera}.

ex cathedra

with authority based on institution {ex cathedra}.

ex libris

from library of {ex libris}.

ex officio

outside one's formal position {ex officio}.

ex parte

Proceedings can have only one party present {ex parte}|. Ex parte means on one side only.

ex post facto in Latin

applying to time before publication {ex post facto, Latin}.

exempli gratia

for example {exempli gratia}.

exeunt

they exit {exeunt}.

fascis

bundle of rods {fascis}.

fiat

decree {fiat}.

finis

end {finis}.

gratis

free {gratis}.

ibidem

same {ibidem}.

idem

same {idem}.

imperator

emperor {imperator}.

in abstentia

in absence {in abstentia}.

in extenso

full-length {in extenso}.

in extremis

in dire circumstances {in extremis}.

in memoriam

in memory {in memoriam}.

in re

about {in re}.

in rem

against {in rem}.

in situ

in same place {in situ}.

in toto

all {in toto}.

in vacuo

in vacuum {in vacuo}.

in vitro in Latin

in container {in vitro, Latin}.

in vivo

in living thing {in vivo}.

inter alia

among other things {inter alia}.

inter se

among themselves {inter se}.

iota

bit {iota}.

ipso facto

by the fact of being itself {ipso facto}.

jus sanguinis

Person's citizenship is the same as his or her parent's citizenship {jus sanguinis}.

jus soli

Birthplace determines person's citizenship {jus soli}.

locum tenens

physician or cleric substituting temporarily for another {locum tenens}.

magna cum laude

high honors {magna cum laude}.

magnum opus

great work {magnum opus}.

manes spirit

god-like dead spirits {manes}.

memento mori

reminder of death {memento mori}.

mirabile dictu

wonderful to tell or wonders be told {mirabile dictu}.

modus operandi

method or style {modus operandi}.

modus vivendi

way of living {modus vivendi}.

moratorium

suspension {moratorium}.

mutatis mutandi

necessary changes have already been made {mutatis mutandi}.

ne plus ultra

highest {ne plus ultra}.

nexus in Latin

connection or center {nexus, Latin}.

nisi

starting at future date unless condition changes or ends {nisi}.

non compos mentis

incompetent mentally {non compos mentis}.

nota bene

note well or N.B. {nota bene}.

obiter dictum

incidental opinion {obiter dictum}.

odium

aversion {odium}.

onus

burden {onus}.

opprobrium
disapproval {opprobrium}.

optimum best
best {optimum}.

opus
work {opus}.

padre in Latin
priest {padre, Latin}.

palaestra
public place for athletic training {palaestra}.

pari passu
at same rate or in equal steps {pari passu}.

passim
frequently {passim}.

pater
father {pater}.

paterfamilias
male head of family {paterfamilias}.

paternoster
prayer or Lord's Prayer {paternoster}.

pax
peace {pax}.

penates
household gods {penates}.

per annum
each year {per annum}.

per capita
each person {per capita}.

per contra
in contrast or on the contrary {per contra}.

per diem
each day {per diem}.

per mensem
each month {per mensem}.

per se
in itself {per se}.

persona personality
public personality {persona}.

persona non grata

unacceptable person {persona non grata}.

pieta

Mary mourning the dead Jesus {pieta}.

pons in Latin

bridge {pons, Latin}.

post hoc in Latin

claiming that prior event caused later {post hoc, Latin}.

post meridian

after noon {post meridian} (PM).

post mortem

after death, or after project conclusion {post mortem}.

prima facie

at first sight {prima facie}.

primogenitor

earliest ancestor {primogenitor}.

primus inter pares

first among equals {primus inter pares}.

pro forma

according to form {pro forma}.

pro rata

prorated or proportionate {pro rata}.

pro tem

temporary {pro tem} {pro tempore}.

quasi in Latin

resembling or almost {quasi, Latin}.

quid pro quo

tit for tat {quid pro quo}.

rara avis

rare bird or special case {rara avis}.

re

thing {re}.

res in Latin

things {res, Latin}.

res gestae

deeds {res gestae}.

res judicata

settled case {res judicata}.

res publica

public things such as state or public welfare {res publica}.

rigor mortis

stiff body after death {rigor mortis}.

sac pouch

pouch or spherical region {sac}.

sanctum in Latin

private or holy place {sanctum, Latin}.

sanctum sanctorum

holy of holies {sanctum sanctorum}.

sans in Latin

without {sans, Latin}.

scholium

comment or note {scholium}.

scintilla

iota {scintilla}.

semper fidelis

always faithful {semper fidelis}.

sic in Latin

thus {sic, Latin}.

sic passim

thus everywhere {sic passim}.

simulacrum

resemblance {simulacrum}.

sine die

indefinitely {sine die}.

sine qua non

without which nothing or essential {sine qua non}.

solus

alone {solus}.

status quo

current state {status quo}.

stria in Latin

line or groove {stria, Latin}.

sub rosa

secret {sub rosa}.

sui generis

unique {sui generis}.

sui juris

able to make decisions {sui juris}.

summa in Latin

highest {summa, Latin}.

summa cum laude

highest honors {summa cum laude}.

summum bonum

greatest good {summum bonum}.

taedium vitae

boredom {taedium vitae}.

terra firma

land or Earth {terra firma}.

terra incognito

unknown land or new area for study {terra incognito}.

triumvir

one of three equal rulers {triumvir}.

ubi supra

where mentioned above {ubi supra}.

ultimatum

final statement before party intends to take action {ultimatum}.

ultimo in Latin

in previous month {ultimo, Latin}.

ultra vires

outside authority of institution {ultra vires}.

vade mecum

handy reference {vade mecum}.

verbatim

word-for-word {verbatim}.

via in Latin

by way of, or using {via, Latin}.

vice versa

conversely {vice versa}.

vide

see {vide}.

videlicet

that is or such as {videlicet}.

vox populi

public opinion or voice of the people {vox populi}.