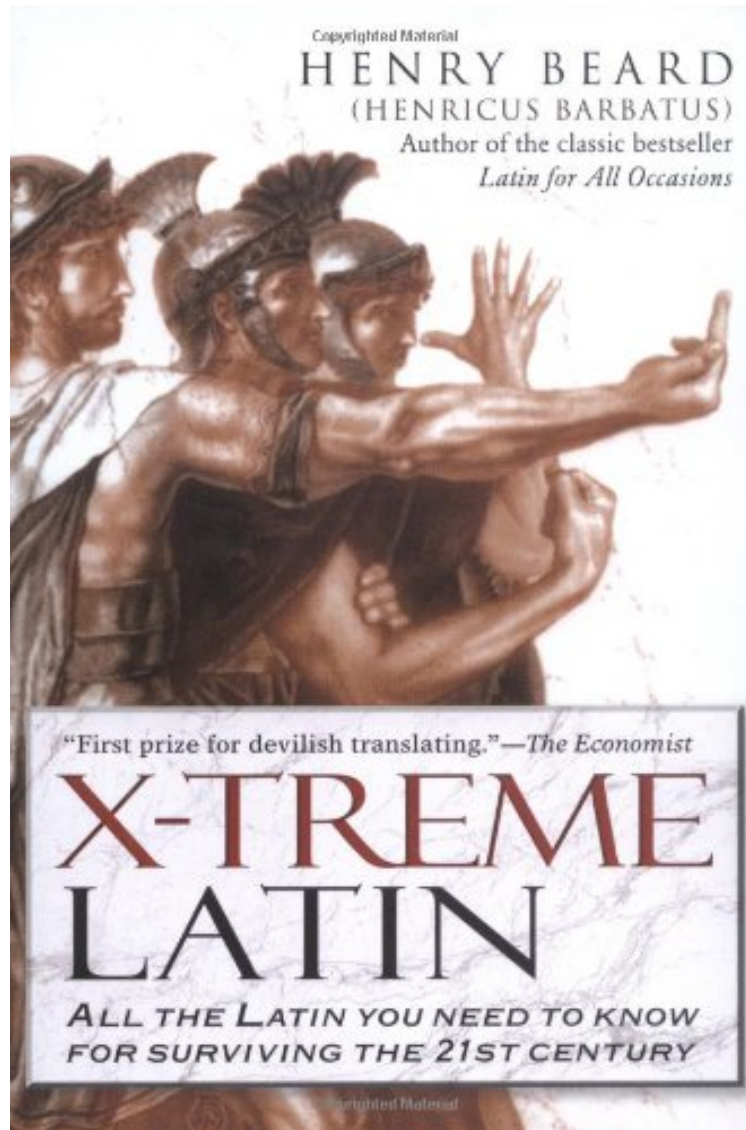


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Henry Beard founded the National Lampoon along with Doug Kenney and Rob Hoffmann. Prior to National Lampoon, Beard collaborated with Kenney at the Harvard Lampoon during the late 1960s, producing nationally distributed parodies of Life and Time magazines and a book-length parody of The Lord of the Rings called Bored of the Rings. Since leaving National Lampoon, Beard has authored and co-authored over 30 humor books.  
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Preface  
Praefatiopry-FAH-tih-oh  
It's often said that Latin is a dead language  
Lingua Latina saepe dicitur mortua esse  
LEEN-gwah lah-TEE-nah SIGH-pay DEE-kih-tuhr MOHR-too-ah EHS-she  
Baloney! Nugas! NOO-gahss!  
It's just been taking a long nap  
Modum iam pridem meridiatur  
MOH-duhm yahm PREE-dehm meh-ree-dih-AH-tuhr  
And it's been talking a lot in its sleep  
Iam diu autem multa verba facit dormiens  
Yahm DIH-ooH OW-tehm MOOL-tah WEHR-bah FAH-kiht DOHR-mih-ehns  
In fact, you can't get it to shut up  
Re vera, non potes eam in silentium redigere  
Ray WAY-rah nohn POH-tess EH-ahm ihn sih-LAYN-tih-uhm reh-DIHG-eh-reh  
Look around  
Latin is all over the place, like a cheap toga  
Circumspice  
Lingua Latina se pandit ubique tanquam toga vilis  
KEER-kuhm-spih-keh  
LEEN-gwah lah-TEE-nah say PAHN-diht ooh-BEE-kweh TAHN-kwaum TOH-gah WIH-liss  
Lawyers use it to screw you  
Iuris periti ea utuntur ut te defraudent  
Yoo-riss-peh-REE-tee EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr uht tay deh-FROW-dehnt  
Doctors use it to scare you  
shitless  
Medici hac lingua utuntur ut alvum evacues ex metu  
MEH-dih-kee hock LEEN-gwah uh-TOON-tuhr uht AHL-wuhm ay-WAH-koo-ays eks MEH-tooh  
Politicians use it to hide their tracks while they rob you blind  
Magistratus ea utuntur ad operienda vestigia cum te despoliant  
Mah-gihs-TRAH-tooohs EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr ahd oh-pehr-ih-AYN-dah wehs-TEE-gih-ah kuhm tay deh-SPOH-lih-ahnt  
Priests use it to weasel their way out when they get caught playing hide-the-sausage with the altar boys  
Sacerdotes in stupro cum acolytis deprehensi ea utuntur ut se criminibus absolvent  
Sah-kehr-DOH-tays ihn STOOP-roh kuhm ah-koh-LEE-teese day-preh-HAYN-see EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr uht say krih-MIHN-ih-buhss ahb-SOHL-wahnt  
Even garden supply stores use it to get you to buy overpriced, short-lived houseplants  
Etiam venditores rerum hortensium ea utuntur ad persuadendum tibi ut emas maximo pretio plantas vitae brevis  
EH-tih-ahm wehn-dih-TOHR-ace RAY-ruhm hohr-TAYN-sih-uhm EH-ah uh-TOON-tuhr ahd pehr-swah-DAYN-duhm TIH-bee uht EH-mahs MAHK-sih-moh PREH-tih-oh PLAHN-tahs  
WEE-tye BREH-wihss  
The fact is, for too long these dirtbags have had a monopoly on this mighty tongue  
Ditius quidem haec propudia monopolio huius magnifici sermonis fruuntur  
Dih-OO-tih-uhs KWIH-dehm hike proh-POOH-dih-ah moh-noh-POH-lih-oh HOO-eeh-uhss mahg-NIH-fih-kee sehr-MOH-nihss frooh-OON-tuhr  
But now, thanks to this little book, you too can tap the awesome power of Latin to dismay the ignorant multitudes  
Nunc vero, huius libelli gratia, tu quoque potentia reverenda linguae Latinae uti potes ad indoctum vulgus consternandum  
Nuhnk WAY-roh, HOO-eeh-uhss lih-BEHL-lee GRAH-tih-ah, too KWOH-kweh poh-TAYN-tih-ah reh-weh-RAYN-dah LEEN-gwigh LAH-tih-nigh OO-tee POH-tehss ahd ihn-DOHK-tuhm WUHL-guhs kohn-stehr-NAHN-duhm  
And best of all, you'll be able to insult and abuse one and all in perfect safety, using a language that everyone respects but practically no one understands  
Atque haec est optima ratio omnium: maledicere cunctis hominibus et contumeliam imponere satis impune poteris verbis augustis quae cum omnes magno aestimant, tum nemo ferme intellegit  
AHT-kweh hike ehst OHP-tih-mah RAH-tih-oh OHM-nih-uhm: mah-leh-DEEK-eh-reh KOONK-tees hoh-MIHN-ih-buhss eht kohn-tuh-MAY-lih-ahm ihm-POH-neh-reh SAH-tihss ihm-POO-neh poh-TEH-rihss WAYR-beese ow-GOOS-teese kwy kuhm OHM-

nays MAHG-noh EYE-stih-mahnt tuhm NEH-mo FAYR-meh ihn-TEHL-leh-giht And as you pepper your speech with catapult-powered put-downs, remember the immortal words of Maximus as he signaled the attack in Pannonia Itaque cum spargis orationem tuam praepotentibus opprobriis, memento verborum immortalium quae Maximus fecit signum dans in Pannonia: Ih-TAH-kweh kuhm SPAHR-ghiss oh-rah-tih-OH-nehm TOO-ahm prigh-poh-TAYN-tih-buhss ohp-PROH-brih-eehs, meh-MEHN-toh wayr-BOH-ruhm ihm-mohr-TAH-lih-uhm kwigh MAHK-sih-muhss FAY-kiht SIHG-nuhm dahns ihn Pahn-NOH-nih-ah: Unleash hell! Solve lora infernis! SOHL-weh LOH-rah ihn-FEHR-nihss! And have a nice day! Et futue te ipsum! Eht FUH-too-eh tay IHP-suhm

Latin Terms in Modern English

Latin	Latin word or phrase	English meaning
Legal	Latin	Latin word or phrase
English meaning	Medical Latin	Latin word or phrase
English meaning	Political Latin	Latin word or phrase
English meaning	Ecclesiastical Latin	Latin word or phrase
English meaning	Botanical Latin	Latin word or phrase
English meaning	Basic Latin	Pronunciation Guide

Vowels  
 aif long, as in ìblahî; if short, as in ìrub-a-dubî  
 eif long, as in ìolÊî; if short as in ìfehî  
 iif long, as in ìízineî; if short as in ìzítî  
 oif long, as in ìdíohî; if short as in ìnofî  
 uif long, as in ìdudeî; if short as in ìwassupî

There is really no simple way to tell if a vowel is long or short, but if the word is short óone syllable ótreat the vowel as short. The last syllable of verb endings are almost always short. If a, i, o, or u, come at the end of a word, they're long; if e comes at the end of a word, it's short. If a vowel is followed by two consonants, it's long. For other situations, pronuntia utrolibet modo! (wing it!)

Diphthongs  
 ae in ìThaiî  
 auas in ìouchî  
 eias in ìheyî  
 euas in ìhey, youî  
 oeas in ìgoyî  
 uias in ìptuiî

Consonants  
 b, d, f, h, l, m, n, and p are the same as in English. So are k and z, which are rare in Latin anyway. j, w, and the consonant y don't exist in Latin. c, ch always ìk.î That's a KIGH-sahr salad you ordered. You want ANN-koh-veese with that? g, gn always ìguh.î The Romans were fighting the GUHR-mahns, not the JUR-mahns, and when they gave the signal to attack, it was a SIHG-nuhm (trumpet blast) not a SEE-nuhm (large bowl). ialways ìyuh.î It's thanks to YOO-lih-uhss (not JOO-lee-yuss) that we celebrate the fourth of July instead of the fourth of Quintil. ryou can rroll your rís even if they'rre the last letterr of a worrrrd. salways ìsss.î The Roman fanss (not fanz) were animalss (not animalz). t, th always ìteh.î Teh-hey teh-rew teh-hings at eak ot-teh-her during teh-he nah-tih-oh-nahl (not nashunal) ant-hem (not anthum). valways ìw.î The wolcano that waporized Pompeii was Weh-SOO-wee-uhss. There are no silent letters in Latin óevery vowel (unless it's part of a two-syllable diphthong) and every consonant is always pronounced fully, and often separately. Of course, there are also no actual Romans around to give you the stink-eye when you mess up.

Lingua Latina Tironibus

Beginning

Latin Narratiuncula

ÓA Little Story

Puellae filiae agricolarum sunt The girls are the daughters of the farmers  
 Puellae pulchrae sunt The girls are pretty  
 Puellae nautas in via spectant The girls see the sailors in the street  
 Nautae pulchri sunt The sailors are hunks  
 Puellae nautas salutant The girls say hello to the sailors  
 O malam fortunam! Nautae male mares sunt Too bad! The sailors are homos  
 Nautae ad puellas digitos impudicos porrigunt The sailors give the girls the finger  
 Puellae nautas appellant The girls call out to the sailors  
 Sì speramus naviculam misellam vestram ad scopulum adlisam iri summersumî ìWe hope your stupid boat hits a rock and sinksî  
 Puellae in forum descendere destinant et ibi mercimonium furari The girls decide to go down to the mall and shoplift some stuff  
 Omnes paucis annis prosedae erunt In a few years they will all be hookers