1ST AND 2ND DECLENSION

GM 12

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Revision

- In this lesson we will speak again about two most basic declensions.

- So far we have used only two grammatical cases: Nom. and Gen.

- Now we have to expand the paradigm to additional two: Accusative (Acc.) and Ablative (Abl.).

What is the role of grammatical cases?

- **Nominative** is the most basic form of noun.
- **Genitive** connects two nouns together (like English "of").
- **Accusative** is required by prepositions.
- **Ablative** is required by prepositions.

1ˢᵗ declension paradigm

	Singular	Plural
Nom.	*ven -a*	*ven -ae*
Gen.	*ven -ae*	*ven -arum*
Acc.	*ven -am*	*ven -as*
Abl.	*ven -a*	*ven -is*

Notes

- Some cases may have similar endings (Nom. Sg. and Abl. Sg.).

- To deal with this situation correctly, you have to know the context.

- If I give you just a word *vena* and ask you about the grammatical case, it can be either Nom. or Abl.

- However if the word *vena* is connected with a preposition, it has to be an Abl. Without the preposition it must be the Nom.

2nd declension paradigm (masculines)

	Singular		Plural	
Nom.	*muscul -**us***	*puer*	*muscul -i*	*puer -i*
Gen.	*muscul -i*	*puer -i*	*muscul -orum*	*puer -orum*
Acc.	*muscul -um*	*puer -um*	*muscul -os*	*puer -os*
Abl.	*muscul -o*	*puer -o*	*muscul -is*	*puer -is*

Notes

- The only difference between paradigm *musculus* and *puer* is in Nom. Sg.

- All the remaining cases have similar endings.

- The word *magister* and *cancer* has slightly irregular genitive *magistri, cancri*. Rest of the cases is also based on genitive stem, therefore Acc. is *magistrum*, Abl. *magistro*.

2nd declension paradigm (neuters)

	Singular		Plural	
Nom.	*spati -**um***	*col -**on***	*spati -a*	*col -a*
Gen.	*spati -i*	*col -i*	*spati -orum*	*col -orum*
Acc.	*spati -**um***	*col -**on***	*spati -a*	*col -a*
Abl.	*spati -o*	*col -o*	*spati -is*	*col -is*

Notes

- Main difference between Latin paradigm *spatium* and Greek paradigm *colon* is in Nom. Sg.

- There is another important rule which apply to all neuters anywhere in Latin: **Acc. always copy the Nom**.

- Therefore Acc. of *spatium* is *spatium* and Acc. of *colon* is *colon*.

Examples

- aqua
- aquae
- aquam
- aqua
- aquae
- aquarum
- aquas
- aquis

- nausea
- nauseae
- nauseam
- nausea
- nauseae
- nausearum
- nauseas
- nauseis

Examples

- cancer
- cancri
- cancrum
- cancro
- cancri
- cancrorum
- cancros
- cancris

- ileus
- ilei
- ileum
- ileo
- ilei
- ileorum
- ileos
- ileis

- instrumentum
- instrumenti
- instrumentum
- instrumento
- instrumenta
- instrumentorum
- instrumenta
- instrumentis

Test

- Translate following expressions to Latin:
  - with cancer
  - because of spasmi (plural)
  - with signs of disease
  - without danger
- Create all the grammatical cases from the word *insufficientia*.