

3rd Declension Nouns

A 3rd declension of Latin nouns includes a class of nouns we will call *is-nouns*--nouns that end in *-is* and have endings very different from nouns in the 1st and 2nd declensions.

	sg.	pl.
Nominative	is	es
Accusative	em	es
Genitive	is	(i)um
Dative	i	ibus
Ablative	e/i	ibus

Some nouns in the *is-noun* pattern actually end in another letter, like *caro* and *rex*. These nouns have a stem change that needs to be memorized. Endings are always added to the changed stem.

The gender of 3rd declension nouns can be masculine, feminine or neuter, but the *is-noun* pattern can only be either masculine or feminine. The genders of these words need to be committed to memory.