

# GCSE Latin for Beginners

## Lesson 1 Pre-Class Tasks

### 1. Chapter 1 Vocabulary List<sup>1</sup>

Latin	English Meaning	Latin	English Meaning
ambulo	<i>I walk</i>	neco	<i>I kill</i>
amicus	<i>friend</i>	non	<i>not</i>
amo	<i>I love, I like</i>	nunc	<i>now</i>
ancilla	<i>slave-girl, slave-woman</i>	nuntius	<i>messenger</i>
cibus	<i>food</i>	paro	<i>I prepare</i>
clamo	<i>I shout</i>	pecunia	<i>money</i>
dea	<i>goddess</i>	porto	<i>I carry</i>
deus	<i>god</i>	puella	<i>girl</i>
dominus	<i>master</i>	pugno	<i>I fight</i>
epistula	<i>letter</i>	Roma	<i>Rome</i>
equus	<i>horse</i>	saluto	<i>I greet</i>
et	<i>and</i>	sed	<i>but</i>
femina	<i>woman</i>	semper	<i>always</i>
gladius	<i>sword</i>	servus	<i>slave</i>
hortus	<i>garden</i>	sum	<i>I am</i>
insula	<i>island; block of flats</i>	villa	<i>house, country, villa</i>
laboro	<i>I work</i>	voco	<i>I call</i>
navigo	<i>I sail</i>		
		Total	35 words

The above list contains some common words in Latin, which you'll see often during our lessons. It is always important to keep learning and memorising new words when you're studying a language, so which techniques work best for you?

**Task 1. Learning Vocabulary.** This week, have a go at using the following ideas for learning the words in the above list:

#### A. Look, Cover, Write, Check

1. Look at the words carefully and try to think of links.
2. Cover the English meanings up and write down what you think the Latin words mean.
3. Check your answers to see how well you're doing.
4. Repeat this process until you get all the words right.

#### B. Imaginative Sentences

Create an imaginative sentence to help you remember the Latin word.

For example: "We want the slave to serve us" (*servus* = slave).

#### C. Picture Words

Can you think of a way of turning the word into a picture that shows its meaning?

For example: you could draw a roof and chimney over the word "villa".

<sup>1</sup> Adapted list from John Taylor's *Latin to GCSE Book 1*.