


Satius est sero
quam numquam
discere



3rd DECLENSION - LATIN AND GREEK NOUNS (Consonant stems)

Typical features of the nouns of 3rd declension

- ▶ Different endings in nom. sg. (sanguisi, excisioi, abductori, retei, latusi, femuri ...)
- ▶ The genitive stem is often different from the nominative stem (animal – animalis X hepar – hepatis)
- ▶ All genders (cortex **m.**, radix **f.**, femur **n.**)
- ▶ The importance of genitive stem (cartilago – **cartilaginis** – **cartilaginem** – **cartilagine** ...)
- ▶ The ending *-is* in gen. sg. (sanguinisi, excisionisi, abductorisi)

-or → -oris, **m.** (flexor – flexoris)

-io/-itas → -ionis/-itatis, **f.**
(injectio – injectionis, cavitas – cavitatis)

-itis → -itidis, **f.** (encephalitis – encephalitidis)

-er → -eris, **m.** (ureter – ureteris)

-ma/-oma → -matis/-omatis, **n.** (trauma – traumatis, carcinoma – carcinomatis)

Examples – nouns of 3rd declension

1) Consonant stems:

Masculines + feminines: dolor

Neutrals: corpus

2) I-stems:

Maskulines + feminines: pelvis

Neutrals: rete

Feminines: dosis

dolor, is, m.

→ masculines + feminines (consonant stems)

sg.

1. dolor
2. dolōr-is
4. dolōr-em
6. dolōr-e

pl.

1. dolōr-ēs
2. dolōr-um
4. dolōr-ēs
6. dolōr-ibus

corpus, oris, n.

→ **neutrals** (consonant stems)

sg.

1. **corpus**
2. corpor-is
4. **corpus**
6. corpor-e

pl.

1. **corpor-a**
2. corpor-um
4. **corpor-a**
6. corpor-ibus

os, ossis, n.

→ declined like *corpus*
BUT gen. pl. – ossium

sg.

1. os

2. ossis

4. os

6. osse

pl.

1. ossa

2. ossium

4. ossa

6. ossibus

vās, vāsis, n.

Sg. – declined like *corpus* (= 3rd declension)

Pl. – declined like *septum* (= 2nd declension)

sg.

1. vās

2. vāsis

4. vās

6. vāse

pl.

1. vāsa

2. vāsōrum

4. vāsa

6. vāsīs

Task 1: What is the declension and example of the following nouns? Decline the nouns in both sg. and pl.:

palatum

lac

luxatio

oedema

cor

nasus

pollex

retina

abdomen

masseter

ren

olecranon

caput

Task 2: Translate and decline in both sg. and pl.:

Benign tumor

Red nucleus

Black elder

Broken femur

Nourishing vessel

Carpal bone

Diabetes mellitus

Complicated operation

Dangerous carcinoma

Thyroid cartilage