

3RD DECLENSION

CONSONANT - STEMS The stem of gen. pl. ends in any consonant (e. g. dolorum , pulmonum , thoracicum).				I - STEMS The stem of gen. pl. ends in the vowel i (e. g. pelvium , aurium , animalium).									
Latin origin				Latin origin				Greek origin					
m. + f.		n.		m. + f.		n.		f.					
sg. dolor doloris dolorem dolore	pl. dolores dolorum dolores doloribus	sg. corpus corporis corpus corpore	pl. corpora corporum corpora corporibus	sg. pelvis pelvis pelvem pelve	pl. pelves pelvium pelves pelibus	sg. rete retis rete reti	pl. retia retium retia retibus	sg. dosis dosis dosim dosi	pl. doses dosium dosis dosibus				
These two paradigms differ only in akuz. sg. and nom., akuz. pl.: dolorem X corpus (akuz. sg.) dolores X corpora (nom., akuz. pl.)						<i>Pelvis</i> differs from <i>dolor</i> only in gen. pl.: <i>dolorum</i> X <i>pelvium</i> <i>Rete</i> differs from <i>corpus</i> in abl. sg. (<i>corpore</i> X <i>reti</i>), nom. and akuz. pl. (<i>corpora</i> X <i>retia</i>) and gen. pl. (<i>corporum</i> X <i>retium</i>) <i>Dosis</i> must have -im in akuz. sg., -i in abl. sg. and -ium in gen. pl.							
Greek nouns with the following endings in nom. sg. and gen. sg. are declined like dolor or corpus : -itis, -itidis (encephalitis) → like dolor , they are always fem. -er, -eris (ureter) → like dolor , they are always mask. -ma, -matis (trauma), -oma, -omatis (carcinoma) → like corpus , they are always neut.						A noun is declined like pelvis in two cases: 1) There is the same number of syllables in nom. and gen. sg.: e.g. <i>cutis</i> , <i>pubes</i> , <i>auris</i> , <i>avis</i> , <i>axis</i> 2) There is a group of consonants before -is in gen. sg., e.g. <i>pons</i> , <i>pont-is</i> , <i>mors</i> , <i>mort-is</i> , <i>larynx</i> , <i>laryng-is</i> , <i>pars</i> , <i>part-is</i>							
						A noun is declined like rete if it ends in -e, -ar or -al in nom. sg., e.g. <i>cochlear</i> , <i>calcar</i> , <i>animal</i>							
						A noun is declined like dosis if it ends in -sis, -xis or -osis in nom. sg., e.g. basis , prophylaxis , narcosis + some words of Latin origin: <i>tussis</i> , <i>pertusis</i> , <i>sitis</i> , <i>febris</i> , <i>tuberculosis</i>							