

Latin

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LO: revising 2nd declension nouns in disguise

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SECOND DECLENSION: *vir, puer, liber*

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All their other endings are the same as those of *dominus*. In effect these nouns decline as if they had a nominative singular ending *-us*, which has disappeared.

vir

man

m

vir

man

m

sg nom vir

acc vir-um

gen vir-i

dat vir-o

abl vir-o

vir

man

m

sg nom vir

acc vir-um

gen vir-i

dat vir-o

abl vir-o

pl nom vir-i

acc vir-os

gen vir-orum

dat vir-is

abl vir-is

vir puer

man *boy*

m *m*

sg *nom* vir puer

acc vir-um puer-um

gen vir-i puer-i

dat vir-o puer-o

abl vir-o puer-o

pl *nom* vir-i puer-i

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|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| | | vir | puer | liber |
| | | <i>man</i> | <i>boy</i> | <i>book</i> |
| | | <i>m</i> | <i>m</i> | <i>m</i> |
| <i>sg</i> | <i>nom</i> | vir | puer | liber |
| | <i>acc</i> | vir-um | puer-um | <u>libr</u> -um* |
| | <i>gen</i> | vir-i | puer-i | libr-i |
| | <i>dat</i> | vir-o | puer-o | libr-o |
| | <i>abl</i> | vir-o | puer-o | libr-o |
| <i>pl</i> | <i>nom</i> | vir-i | puer-i | libr-i |
| | <i>acc</i> | vir-os | puer-os | libr-os |
| | <i>gen</i> | vir-orum | puer-orum | libr-orum |
| | <i>dat</i> | vir-is | puer-is | libr-is |
| | <i>abl</i> | vir-is | puer-is | libr-is |

* drops the -e- from its stem.

vir

puer

liber

Note too another noun that goes like *liber* (dropping the -e- from the accusative singular onwards):

man

boy

book

ager (acc agrum, gen agri, etc.)

field

m

m

m

sg nom

vir

puer

liber

acc

vir-um

puer-um

libr-um*

gen

vir-i

puer-i

libr-i

dat

vir-o

puer-o

libr-o

abl

vir-o

puer-o

libr-o

pl nom

vir-i

puer-i

libr-i

acc

vir-os

puer-os

libr-os

gen

vir-orum

puer-orum

libr-orum

dat

vir-is

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libr-is

abl

vir-is

puer-is

libr-is

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Exercise 2.8

Identify the number and case of:

1. *pueri (two possible answers)*
2. *librorum*
3. *puerum*
4. *agri (two possible answers)*
5. *viro (two possible answers)*

Exercise 2.9

Translate into English:

1. pueri per agros cum nuntiis ambulant.
2. vir est dominus servorum.
3. femina libros pueris dat.
4. in agris cum servis semper laboro.
5. servus gladios virorum in hortum portat.

Exercise 2.10

Translate into Latin:

1. There are men in the house.
2. The slave-girls are preparing food for the men.
3. He is now working in the field with the boys.
4. I give the book to my friend.
5. We carry the boys' books into the house.

