

# LATIN ADJECTIVES

## POSITIVE DEGREE

There are two groups of regular adjectives: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> adj. end -us, -a, -um (e.g., bonus, bona, bonum, good) or sometimes -r, -a, -um (e.g., pulcher, pulchra, pulchrum, beautiful).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> adj. can be identified by -is, -is, -e (e.g., brevis, brevis, breve, short).
- Adjective must modify nouns according to case, number, and gender.



## COMPARATIVE DEGREE

- Formation: add -ior, -ius to the stem of the positive degree.
- Translation: 1) -er . . . , 2) more . . . , 3) rather . . .
- Type: 3<sup>rd</sup> declension adjectives
- See the back for examples.



## SUPERLATIVE DEGREE

- Formation: add -issimus, -issima, -issimum to the stem of the positive degree.
- Translation: 1) -est, 2) most . . . , 3) very . . .
- Type: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> declension adjectives
- See the back for examples.



Superlative Exceptions:

- In addition to the double -ss-. You should also be careful of adjectives with -ll- or -rr-.
- Adjectives that end in -er (e.g. miser, pulcher, or acer) add -rimus, -rima, -rimum (e.g., miserrimus, pulcherrimus, or acerrimus.)
- Adjectives that end in -ilis (e.g., facilis, similis, difficilis) add -limus, -lima, -limum to the stem (e.g., facillimus, similimus, difficillimus).

# Converting 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Declension Adjectives

Positive Degree - *laetus, -a, -um*

*Translation:* happy

	SINGULAR		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	laetus	laeta	laetum
<i>Genitive</i>	laeti	laetae	laeti
<i>Dative</i>	laetö	laetae	laetö
<i>Accusative</i>	laetum	laetam	laetum
<i>Ablative</i>	laetö	laetä	laetö

  

	PLURAL		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	laetii	laetae	laeta
<i>Genitive</i>	laetörum	laetärum	laetörum
<i>Dative</i>	laetis	laetis	laetis
<i>Accusative</i>	laetös	laetas	laeta
<i>Ablative</i>	laetis	laetis	laetis

Comparative Degree - *laetior, laetior, laetius*

*Translation:* happier, rather happy

	SINGULAR		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	laetior	laetior	laetius
<i>Genitive</i>	laetiöris	laetiöris	laetiöris
<i>Dative</i>	laetiöri	laetiöri	laetiöri
<i>Accusative</i>	laetiörem	laetiörem	laetius
<i>Ablative</i>	laetiöre	laetiöre	laetiöre

  

	PLURAL		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	laetiörës	laetiörës	laetiöra
<i>Genitive</i>	laetiörum	laetiörum	laetiörum
<i>Dative</i>	laetiöribus	laetiöribus	laetiöribus
<i>Accusative</i>	laetiörës	laetiörës	laetiöra
<i>Ablative</i>	laetiöribus	laetiöribus	laetiöribus

Superlative Degree – *laetissimus, -a, -um*

*Translation:* happiest, very happy

	SINGULAR		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	laetissimus	laetissima	laetissimum
<i>Genitive</i>	laetissimi	laetissimae	laetissimi
<i>Dative</i>	laetissimö	laetissimae	laetissimö
<i>Accusative</i>	laetissimum	laetissimam	laetissimum
<i>Ablative</i>	laetissimö	laetissimä	laetissimö

  

	PLURAL		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	laetissimi	laetissimae	laetissima
<i>Genitive</i>	laetissimörum	laetissimärum	laetissimörum
<i>Dative</i>	laetissimis	laetissimis	laetissimis
<i>Accusative</i>	laetissimös	laetissimäs	laetissima
<i>Ablative</i>	laetissimis	laetissimis	laetissimis

# Converting 3<sup>rd</sup> Declension Adjectives

Positive Degree - *gravis, -is, -e*

*Translation:* serious

	SINGULAR		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	gravis	gravis	grave
<i>Genitive</i>	gravis	gravis	gravis
<i>Dative</i>	gravi	gravi	gravi
<i>Accusative</i>	gravem	gravem	grave
<i>Ablative</i>	gravi	gravi	gravi

  

	PLURAL		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	gravēs	gravēs	gravia
<i>Genitive</i>	gravium	gravium	gravium
<i>Dative</i>	gravibus	gravibus	gravibus
<i>Accusative</i>	gravēs	gravēs	gravia
<i>Ablative</i>	gravibus	gravibus	gravibus

Comparative Degree - *gravior, gravior, gravius*

*Translation:* more serious, rather serious

	SINGULAR		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	gravior	gravior	gravius
<i>Genitive</i>	graviöris	graviöris	graviöris
<i>Dative</i>	graviörī	graviörī	graviörī
<i>Accusative</i>	graviörem	graviörem	gravius
<i>Ablative</i>	graviöre	graviöre	graviöre

  

	PLURAL		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	graviörēs	graviörēs	graviöra
<i>Genitive</i>	graviörum	graviörum	graviörum
<i>Dative</i>	graviöribus	graviöribus	graviöribus
<i>Accusative</i>	graviörēs	graviörēs	graviöra
<i>Ablative</i>	graviöribus	graviöribus	graviöribus

Superlative Degree – *gravissimus, -a, -um*

*Translation:* most serious, very serious

	SINGULAR		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	gravissimus	gravissima	gravissimum
<i>Genitive</i>	gravissimī	gravissimae	gravissimī
<i>Dative</i>	gravissimō	gravissimae	gravissimō
<i>Accusative</i>	gravissimum	gravissimam	gravissimum
<i>Ablative</i>	gravissimō	gravissimā	gravissimō

  

	PLURAL		
	<i>Masculine</i>	<i>Feminine</i>	<i>N euter</i>
<i>Nominative</i>	gravissimī	gravissimae	gravissima
<i>Genitive</i>	gravissimōrum	gravissimärum	gravissimōrum
<i>Dative</i>	gravissimīs	gravissimīs	gravissimīs
<i>Accusative</i>	gravissimōs	gravissimäs	gravissima
<i>Ablative</i>	gravissimīs	gravissimīs	gravissimīs