

Core Novice Vocabulary List (First Edition, 2009)

Purpose: This is an attempt to provide a comprehensive and fair list for all Novice players. As the methods of Latin instruction have diverged over the years into those that use the traditional approach and those that use the reading approach, much of the vocabulary used in the various courses has diverged as well. This list contains most of the important vocabulary words from the popular textbooks.

Much, if not most, of the vocabulary in the Novice language questions will come from this list. Thus, learning these words is not only educational but an excellent first step in preparing for the NJCL Certamen contest.

Method: Vocabulary from all of the popular textbooks was first compiled into a bulk list. These words were then given a rank based upon their frequency. Those that are found in most of the books were automatically included in the final list. Those words that are only found in one textbook, with few exceptions, were eliminated. Finally, a committee went through the words that are found in just a couple of textbooks on a word by word basis and decisions were made about each one. For those interested, the original bulk list can be also be downloaded from the Certamen section of www.njcl.org.

Notes: In addition to this list, students should also be aware of the basic vocabulary from Roman mythology, history, and daily life. This includes such items as the names of the important gods and goddesses, rooms in Roman houses and baths, occupations, the *cursus honōrum*, and basic colors.



Pronouns

ego
tū
nōs
vōs
suī, sibi, sē, sē
hic, haec, hoc
ille, illa, illud
ipse, ipsa, ipsum
is, ea, id
quī, quae, quod

Interjections

Ecce!
Ēheu!
Euge!
Ita (vērō)!
Minimē!

Interrogatives

Cūr?
-ne (enclitic)
Nōnne?
Num?
Quālis?
Quandō?
Quid?
Quis?
Quō? (to where)
Quōmodo?
Quot?
Ubi?
Unde?

Prepositions

ā, ab
ad
ante
apud
circum
contrā
cum
dē
ē, ex
extrā
in
inter
intrā
per
post
prō
prope
sine
sub
super
trāns

Conjunctions

atque / ac
aut
autem
cum (when)
dum
enim
et
et...et
igitur
itaque
nam
neque / nec
neque...neque
postquam
quamquam
-que (enclitic)
quod (because)

sed
ubi

Cardinal Numbers

(From 1 to 100 & mille)

ūnus
duo
trēs
quattuor
quīnque
sex
septem
octo
novem
decem
undecim
duodecim
tredecim
quattuordecim
quīndecim
sēdecim
septendecim
duodēvīgintī
undēvīgintī
vīgintī
vīgintī et ūnus
vīgintī et duo
.
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centum
mīlle

Ordinal Numbers

prīmus
secundus
tertius
quārtus
quīntus
sextus
septimus
octāvus
nōnus
decimus



Primary Novice

Verbs

(Players will be expected to thoroughly know these.)

accidō
accūsō
adiuvō
aedificō
agō
ambulō
amō
aperiō
audiō
bibō
cadō
cantō
capiō
cēlō
cēnō
clāmō
claudō
cognōscō
cōspiciō
cōstituō
cōsūmō
coquō
cupiō
cūrō
currō
dēbeō
dēlectō
(dē)mōnstrō
dēscendō
dīcō
discēdō
dō
doceō
dormiō

dūcō
excitō
faciō
festīnō
fugiō
gerō
habeō
habitō
iaceō
iaciō
inquit
intellegō
intrō
iubeō
labōrō
lacrimō
laudō
lavō
legō
līberō
lūdō
maneō
mittō
moveō
nārrō
nāvigō
nōlō
(nōlī, -īte)
ostendō
parō
petō
pōnō
portō
possum
pugnō
relinquō
respondeō
rīdeō
rogō
salūtō
Salvē! Salvēte!
sciō
scrībō
sedeō
sentīō

servō
significō
(quid significat?)
spectō
stō
sum
sūmō
superō
surgō
tangō
temptō
teneō
terreō
timeō
trahō
Valē! Valēte!
veniō
videō
vincō
vīvō
vocō
vulnerō



Primary Novice

Nouns

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ager
agricola
amīcus
animal
animus
annus
aqua
arbor
arma, -ōrum
ars
ātrium
auxilium
bellum
caelum
canis
caput
castra, -ōrum
causa
cēna
cibus
cīvis
cīvitās
clāmor
cognōmen
cōnsilium
corpus
dea
deus
diēs
discipulus
domina
dominus
domus
dux
epistula

equus
fābula
familia
fēmina
filia
filius
fīnis
flūmen
fortūna
forum
frāter
gaudium
gladius
grātiae (pl.)
homō
hōra
hostis
imperātor
imperium
inimīcus
īnsula
iter
labor
leō
lēx
liber
līberī, -ōrum
lībertās
lingua
littera
locus
lūdus
lupus
lūx
magister
magistra
manus
mare
marītus
māter
medicus
memoria
mīles
mōns
mors
mulier

multitudō
mūrus
nauta
nāvis
negōtium
nēmō
nihil
nōmen
nox
numerus
nūntius
oculus
oppidum
ōrātiō
ordō
parēns
pars
pater
patria
pāx
pecūnia
perīculum
pēs
pictūra
poēta
pōns
porta
praemium
praesidium
prīnceps
proelium
puella
puer
pugna
rēgīna
rēs
rēx
saxum
schola
servus
signum
silva
somnus
soror
statua
stola

taberna
templum
tempus
terra
toga
urbs
uxor
verbum
via
victor
victōria
vīlla
vīnum
vir
vīs
vīta
vōx
vulnus



Secondary
Novice Verbs

Age! Agite!
appellō, -āre
appropinquō
ardeō
ascendō
cadō (compounds)
canō
capiō (compounds)
caveō
cēdō (+ compounds)
celebrō
cōgō
colō
comparō
cōnsīdō
contendō
crēdō
custodiō
dēfendō
dēleō
(dē)vorō
dīcō (compounds)
discō
dō (compounds)
doleō
dūcō (compounds)
emō
eō (+ compounds)
errō
exerceō
explicō
faciō (compounds)
faveō
ferō
fluō
frangō
fugiō (compounds)
haereō

iaciō (compounds)
incipiō
incitō
induō
īnspiciō
interficiō
lātrō
licet
mittō (compounds)
moneō
moveō (compounds)
mūtō
necō
neglegō
nesciō
numerō
nūntiō
occurrō
opprimō
parō (compounds)
pellō (+ compounds)
pereō
persuādeō
placeō
plaudō
pōnō (compounds)
pulsō
pūniō
putō
quaerō
rapiō
recitō
regō
saliō
soleō
spectō (compounds)
spērō
spīrō
studeō
sum (compounds)
sūmō (compounds)
taceō
teneō (compounds)
tollō
valeō
vēndō

veniō (compounds)
verberō
vertō (+ compounds)
vexō
vīsītō
vituperō
vocō (compounds)
volō, velle
volō, -āre



Secondary
Novice Nouns

aedificium
aestās
amīcitia
amor
amphitheātrum
ancilla
aquaeductus
architectus
arcus
arēna
argentum
athlēta
aurīga
aurum
autumnus
barbarus
beneficium
campus
captīvus
carmen
casa
celeritās
cēra
cliēns
copia / copiae
coquus
cornū
corōna
cubiculum
culīna
cupiditās
cūra
currus
custōs
dēnārius
dictātor
digitus

dīlīgentia
dōnum
elephantus
eques
exemplum
exercitus
fāma
ferrum
flamma
flōs
frūmentum
fuga
fūmus
fūr
gēns
genus
gladiātor
glōria
herba
hiems
honor
hortus
hospes
impetus
iānuā
ignis
incendium
īnfāns
īnitium
iniūria
īra
iūdex
iūs
iuvenis
lacrima
lectus
lūna
mēnsa
mēnsis
mercātor
merīdiēs
modus
nātūra
nūbēs
ōrātor
ōtium

pānis
patrōnus
persōna
pōculum
poena
pompa
pontifex
populus
portus
potestās
pretium
prōvincia
prūdentia
rēgnum
rēs pūblica
sacrificium
salūs
sanguis
sapientia
scientia
sella
senātor
senātus
senex
sententia
sepulcrum
socius
sōl
somnia
sonus
spectāculum
spectātor
spēs
stēlla
stilus
tablīnum
tabula
tempestās
theātrum
timor
tumultus
tunica
turba
umbra
unda
ventus

vēr
vestis
virgō
virtūs



Primary Novice
Adjectives

ācer
aeger
aequus
alius
alter
altus
amīcus
antīquus
attonitus
barbarus
benignus
bonus
brevis
cārus
celer
certus
commōtus
crūdēlis
(dē)fessus
dexter
difficilis
dīligēns
dīves
dulcis
facilis
fēlīx
ferōx
fortis
gravis
ignāvus
īnfēlīx
īngēns
īnvītus
īrātus
laetus
lātus
lentus

levis
līber
longus
magnificus
magnus
malus
medius
meus
miser
mortuus
multus
necesse
nōbilis
noster
nōtus
novus
nūllus
omnis
parātus
parvus
paucī (pl. only)
pauper
(per)territus
plēnus
potēns
pulcher
reliquus
rūsticus
sacer
satis
senex
similis
sinister
sollicitus
sōlus
sordidus
stultus
suus
timidus
tōtus
tuus
ūllus
vehemēns
vērus
vester
vīvus



Secondary
Novice
Adjectives

albus
ānxius
āter
audāx
aureus
candidus
cēterī (pl. only)
clārus
commodus
dissimilis
frāctus
immortālis
incertus
īnsānus
intentus
niger
pār
perīculōsus
plūs (pl. plūrēs)
prūdēns
sānus
scelestus
sevērus
superbus
tacitus
tardus
terribilis
trīstis
uter
vacuus



Core Novice
Adverbs

anteā
bene
clam
cotīdiē
crās
deinde
dēnique
diū
etiam
fortasse
frūstrā
heri
hīc
hodie
iam
ibi
intereā
interim
ita
iterum
māne
mox
nōn
numquam
nunc
ōlim
paene
paulisper
posteā
postrīdiē
p̄imum
prope
quam (how)
quam (than)
quoque
saepe
semper

statim
subitō
tamen
tandem
tantum
tum
ubi
ubīque
umquam
unde
valdē
vix



Core Novice
Animals

agnus
ariēs
asinus
avis
bōs
canis
cervus
cunīculus
delphīnus
elephantus
equus
fēlēs
gallus
leō
lepus
lupus
mūlus
mūs
orca
ovis
piscis
porcus
pullus
serpēs
taurus
testūdō
tigris
ursula
vacca



Core Novice
Body Parts

auris
bracchium
capillus
caput
cerebrum
collum
cor
crūs
cutis
dēns
digitus
faciēs
frōns
gena
genū
lingua
manus
mēns
nāsus
oculus
ōs, ōris
os, ossis
pēs
pollex
pulgō
sanguis
supercilium
tergum
truncus
umerus
unguis
vēna