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Accius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; esp. of L. Accius , tragic poet (170-c.85 B.C.)

acclamo -are [to cry out] (in approval or otherwise);with acc. of person , [to name by acclamation].

Aemilius -a -um [name of an old patrician family at Rome]. Hence adj. Aemilianus -a -um , [relating to the 'gens Aemiliana'; a surname of Scipio Africanus minor].

Agrippa -ae m. [a Roman family name].

Agrippina -ae f. [the name of several Roman women , esp. Nero's mother]. Hence Colonia Agrippinensis (now Cologne).

Ajax -acis m. [name of two Homeric heroes , sons of Telamon and Oileus].

alauda -ae f. [a lark]; also [the name of a legion formed by Caesar in Gaul]; in pl. Alaudae -arum , [the soldiers of this legion].

Albion -onis f. [old name of Great Britain].

albus -a -um [whitish]; f. as subst. Albula -ae (sc. aqua) , [old name of the Tiber].

Ammon (Hammon) -onis m. [a Libyan deity] , worshipped at Rome under the name of Jupiter Ammon.

Amyntas -ae m. [name of several Macedonian kings].

Antigonus -i m. [name of several of the successors of Alexander the Great].

Antiochia or Antiochea -ae f. [Antioch , name of several Asiatic towns].

Antipater -tri m. [name of several kings of Macedonia].

Antoninus -i m. [name of several Roman emperors].

Antonius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens].

appellatio -onis f. [addressing , speech]; legal, [an appeal; a naming, name, title; pronounciation].

appellito -are [to be accustomed to name].

appello (2) -are. (1) [to address , accost, speak to]; esp. of asking favors, [to approach, entreat, sue]; legal, [to appeal to]. (2) [to name, entitle]; hence, [to mention by name, make known]. (3) [to pronounce].

ara -ae f. [altar]; hence [refuge , protection]; 'arae', plur., [name of certain rocks at sea].

Artaxerxes -is m. [name of several Persian kings].

artus (1) (arctus) -a -um [narrow , tight, close]; 'somnus', [fast, sound]; of supplies, [small, meager]; of circumstances, [difficult, distressing]. N. as subst. [a narrow space]; in gen., [difficulty, constraint]. Adv. arte, [narrowly, tightly, closely]; 'dormire', [soundly, fast]; 'artius appellare', [to cut a name short].

Aruns [an Etruscan name for a younger son].

Attalus -i m. [name of several kings of Pergamum]: adj. Attalicus -a -um.

Augusta -ae f. [a name for any female relative of the Roman emperor , or town named after him].

Augustus (1) -i m. [a name assumed by all Roman emperors].

Aurelius -a -um [name of a Roman plebeian gens].

-B-

Bassareus -ei m. [a name of Bacchus].

binominis -e [having two names].

Bosporus (Bosphorus) -i m. [name of various straits , esp. those between Thrace and Asia Minor].

-C-

Caecilius -a -um [name of a plebeian gens].

Caelius -a -um [name of a Roman plebeian gens]; 'Caelius mons' , [a hill in Rome].

Caesar -aris m. [a Roman family name of the gens Iulia]; esp. of C. Iulius Caesar , the general and dictator, and later of all emperors.

Calpurnius -a -um [name of a Roman plebeian gens].

Cassius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens]; adj. Cassianus -a -um.

Celeres -um m.[early name for Roman nobles , esp. the bodyguard of the kings]

censeo censere censui census [to estimate , to form or express an opinion or valuation of a person or thing]; esp. of the censor at Rome, [to take an account of the names and property of Roman citizens]. In gen., [to express an opinion, be of the opinion, vote, advise, recommend]; of the senate, [to resolve].

census -us m.[the census , an enrolment of names and assessment of property].

Transf., [the censor's list; the amount of property necessary for enrolment in a certain rank]; in gen., [property, wealth].

cio ciere civi citum [to move , stir, agitate]. Transf., [to give rise to,

excite, arouse; to summon; to call by name]. Hence partic. citus -a -um, [quick, speedy]. Adv. cito, [quickly]; 'citius quam', [sooner than, rather than].

Cincius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Claudius (Clodius) -a -um [the name of two Roman gentes]; esp. [of the emperor Claudius (10 B.C.-A.D. 54)]. Adj. Claudianus -a -um , Claudialis -e.

clueo -ere [I hear myself called , am named].

cognomen -inis n. [a surname , family name].

cognomentum -i n. [a surname , a name].

cognominis -e [having the same name].

comatus -a -um [hairy]; Gallia Comata , [a name for Transalpine Gaul]; 'comata silva', [in full leaf].

Cornelius -a -um [name of a Roman gens , including the Scipios]. Adj.

Cornelianus -a um.

Crassus -i m. [name of a family in the gens Licinia]; q.v.

-D-

Dareus -i m. [name of several Persian kings].

Decius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; adj. Decianus -a -um.

denomino -are [to name].

dico (2) dicere dixi dictum [to indicate; to appoint]; most commonly , [to say, speak, tell, mention]; in pass. with infin., [to be said to]; impersonally, dicitur, [it is said that]; of ideas, [to express, put into words]; 'ius', [to administer law, give rulings]; of persons or things, [to mention, speak of, tell of, relate; to name, call; to mean, refer to]. N. of partic. as subst. dictum -i, [a word, saying, speech; a witty saying, a bon mot; a prediction; an order, command].

Diespiter -tris m. [a name for Jupiter].

Dionysus (-os) -i m. [the Greek name of Bacchus]. Hence Dionysia -orum , n. pl. [the feast of Dionysus].

dirus -a -um [fearful , horrible, frightful, cruel]. N. pl. dira -orum, and f.

pl. dirae -arum, as subst., [unlucky omens, curses]; Dirae -arum, a name for [the Furies].

Dis Ditis m. [a name of Pluto , god of the Lower World].

Dolabella -ae m. [a Roman family name in the gens Cornelia].

Domitius -a -um [name of a plebeian gens in Rome].

Drusus -i m. [a cognomen of the gens Livia]; hence adj. Drusianus and Drusinus -a -um , [of Drusus]; subst. Drusilla -ae, f. [the name of several females of the gens Livia].

Duilius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

-E-

Elissa (Elisa) -ae f. [another name of Dido].

enim conj. [for; namely , for instance; indeed, truly, certainly]; ‘at enim’, [but you may object.....]; ‘sed enim’, [but indeed].

Euan or Euhan m. [a name of Bacchus].

Euius or Euius -i m. [a name of Bacchus].

exclamo -are [to shout , cry aloud; to exclaim; to call somebody by name].

existimatio -onis f. [the opinion that a man has , judgement; the opinion that others have of a man], esp. morally, [reputation, good name, honor, character]; in finance, [credit].

-F-

Fabius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Fabricius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Flaminius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Flavius -a -um [name of a Roman gens , to which the emperors Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian belonged].

Fonteius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Fufius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Fulvius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Furius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

-G-

Gabinius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

genetivus -a -um [inborn , innate]; 'nomina', [family names]; 'casus', [the genitive case].

-H-

Haemonia -ae f. [an old name of Thessaly]; adj. Haemonius -a -um , [Thessalian];
f. subst. Haemonis -nidis, [a Thessalian woman].

Helle -es f. [a girl drowned in the Hellespont , so named after her].

Hirtius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Hister (Ister) -tri m. [name of the lower part of the Danube].

Horatius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Hortensius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Hostilius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

-I, J-

Iacchus -i m. [name of Bacchus]; meton. , [wine].

Ida -ae and Ide -es f. [name of two mountains , one in Crete, one in Phrygia, near Troy]; adj. Idaeus -a -um.

Inachus (Inachos) -i m. [mythical king of Argos , father of Io, after whom the river Inachus in Argolis was named].

indo -dere -didi -ditum [to put in or on]; of names , [to give, confer]; of abstr. things, [to introduce, cause, occasion].

Iuba -ae m. [name of two Numidian kings].

Iulius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; including the family of the Caesars; 'mensis Iulius' or 'Iulius' , [the month of July].

Iunius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens]; 'mensis Iunius' or 'Iunius' , [the month of June].

-K, L-

laudo -are [to praise , extol, commend; to name, mention, cite, quote]; partic.

laudatus -a -um, [praiseworthy, esteemed].

lectio -onis f. [a picking out , selection, reading, perusal]; 'lectio senatus',
[a calling over of the names of the senators].

Lentulus -i m. [the name of a family in the patrician gens Cornelia].

Lepidus -i m. [name of a family in the patrician gens Aemilia].

Licinius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Livius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

lotos (-us) -i f. [the name of several plants]; esp. [of an African tree and its
fruit].

Lucilius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Lucretius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Lucullus -i m. [name of a family in the gens Licinia].

-M-

Mamers -mertis m. [the Oscan name of Mars]; hence Mamertini -orum , m. pl., [the name assumed by certain mercenary troops].

Manilius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Manlius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Marius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens].

Mithridates -is m. [name of several kings of Pontus].

Mucius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; adj. Mucianus -a -um.

Mummius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

-N-

Naevius -a -um [name of a Roman gens; esp. of Cn. Naevius , a poet of the third century B.C.].

Narcissus -i m. [Narcissus , a beautiful young man changed into the flower of the same name].

Nasica -ae m. [name of a family of the Scipios].

nomen -inis n. [a name]; 'nomen dare' , [to go for a soldier, enlist]; 'nomen (hominis) deferre' , [to give information against, to accuse]; 'nomina solvere' , [to pay debts]; 'nomen Romanum' , [the Roman power]; 'nomine meo' , [in my name, on my behalf].

nomenclator -oris m. [a slave who reminded his master of names].

nominatim [by name , expressly].

nominito -are [to call regularly by name].

nomino -are [to name , give a name to, call; to mention, speak about; to make famous; to appoint, nominate to an office; to denounce, give information against]. Hence partic. nominatus -a -um, [well-known, celebrated].

nuncupo -are [to name , call by name, to pronounce solemnly].

-O-

obtestatio -onis f. [a calling of gods to witness; an entreaty in the name of the gods].

obtestor -ari dep. [to call as witness; to adjure , implore, entreat in the name of the gods].

Octavius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; esp. of C. Octavius , [the Emperor Augustus]; adj. Octavianus -a -um.

Ovidius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; esp. of the poet P. Ovidius Naso , (43 B.C.-17 A.D.).

-P-

Papirius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Paulus -i m. [the name of a gens in the gens Aemilia].

per prep. with acc.: of space , [through, along, over]; sometimes [before, in the presence of]; of time, [throughout, during; in the course of, in a time of]; of means or instrument, [through, by, by means of, with, by way of]; of cause, [because of, on account of]; 'per me licet', [you may as far as I'm concerned]; in entreaties, oaths, etc., [in the name of].

Persephone -es f. [Greek name of Proserpina] q.v.

Petronius -i m. [name of a Roman gens; esp. of a satirist under Nero].

Philippus -i m. [the name of several kings of Macedon]; adj. Philippeus and Philippicus -a -um; f. as subst. Philippica -ae , [one of the speeches of Demosthenes against Alexander, or of Cicero against Antony].

Plinius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; esp. of C. Plinius Secundus (Maior , the Elder), [author of a Natural History], and C. Plinius Caecilius Secundus (Iunior, the Younger), [author of letters, etc.].

Pompeius (trisyl.) or Pompeius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; esp. of Cn.

Pompeius , [Pompey the Great (106-48 B.C.)]; adj. Pompeianus -a -um, [belonging to Pompey].

Pompilius -a -um [name of a Roman gens]; esp. of Numa Pompilius , [second king of Rome].

Pontius -a -um [name of a Roman (originally Samnite) gens].

Porcius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

praedico (2) -dicere -dixi -dictum [to say or name beforehand; to predict , foretell, prophesy; to warn, admonish, instruct]. Hence n. of partic. as subst.

praedictum -i, [a prophecy, prediction; an order, command; a previous agreement].

praenomen -inis n. [the first name , usually standing before the gentile name] (e.g. Marcus, in M.T. Cicero).

Pytho -us f. [the old name of Delphi]; adj. Pythicus , Pythius -a -um, [Delphic, relating to Apollo]; f. as subst. [the priestess of Apollo]; n. pl. [the Pythian games, celebrated every fourth year in honor of Apollo].

quidam quaedam quoddam (subst. quiddam) [a certain person or thing] (known but not necessarily named). Transf. [a kind of].

-Q-

Quirinus -i m. [the name of Romulus after his apotheosis]; adj. Quirinus -a -um and Quirinalis -e , [of Romulus]; 'collis', [the Quirinal Hill at Rome]; n. pl. Quirinalia -ium, [a festival in honor of Romulus].

-R-

Rabirius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

respondeo -spondere -spondi -sponsum intransit. [to match , correspond to, answer to; to resemble]; legal, [to answer to one's name, appear, be present]; transit. [to give an answer to a person or thing, to answer, reply]. N. of partic. as subst. responsum -i, [an answer, reply; a lawyer's opinion].

Rhea (2) -ae f. [old name of Cybele].

rho n. indecl. [the Greek name of the letter R].

Roscius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

-S-

Sabelli -orum m. pl. [poetic name of the Sabines].

scilicet [evidently , certainly, of course]; ironically, [no doubt]; in answers, [certainly]; explanatory, [namely].

Seleucus -i m. [name of several kings of Syria].

Sempronius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Servilius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Sestius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Silius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Sulla (Sylla) -ae m. [a name of a family in the gens Cornelia]; adj. Sullanus -a -um; verb sullaturio -ire , [to wish to imitate Sulla].

-T-

Tarpeius -a -um [name of a Roman family]; 'mons Tarpeius' , [the Tarpeian rock, from which criminals were thrown].

Terentius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens]; esp. of M. Terentius Afer , [the comic dramatist].

Tiridates -datis m. [name of several kings of Armenia].

Tros Trois m. [a king of Phrygia , after whom Troy was named]; Troia -ae, f. [the town of Troy, besieged and finally captured by the Greeks]; adj. Trous

Troius, Troicus, Troianus -a -um, [Trojan]; subst. Tros Trois, m. [a Trojan]; f. adj. and subst. Troas -ados, [Trojan, a Trojan woman].

Tullius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens]; esp. of Servius Tullius , [sixth king of Rome], and of M. Tullius Cicero, [the Roman orator and statesman]. Hence adj.

Tullianus -a -um, [Tullian]; n. as subst. Tullianum -i, [part of a Roman state prison].

-U-

Ulixes -is -i or -ei , m. [Latin name for Ulysses or Odysseus, husband of Penelope, king of Ithaca].

usurpo -are [to use , bring into use; to take possession of, acquire, appropriate, usurp; to perceive, to notice; to use a word, to mention]; hence [to call, name].

ut or uti (1) with indic. verb: [how] (interrog. and exclam); relat. [as] , esp. with corresponding sic or ita; 'ut ut' [in whatever way]; explanatory, [as, as being] (sometimes without verb); temporal, [as when, while, since, when]; of place, [where]. (2) with subjunctive: in indirect questions, [how]; in wishes, [o that]; concessive, [granted that]; consecutive, [so that], often preceded by ita, tam, etc.; explaining or defining, [namely that]; final, [in order that] (neg. ne or ut ne); in indirect command, [that, to]; after verbs of fearing (= ne non), [that...not].

-V, W, X-

Valerius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Varius -a -um [name of a Roman gens].

Vatinius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens].

Verginius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens].

videlicet [it is clear]; as adv. [clearly , plainly, manifestly; namely];

ironically, [of course, to be sure].

Vitellius -a -um [the name of a Roman gens]; Aulus Vitellius , [the Roman emperor who succeeded Otho (A.D. 69)].

vocabulum -i n. [name , appellation]; grammat. [a noun].

vocamen -inis n. [name , appellation].

vocito -are [to be accustomed to name; to shout loudly or often].

voco -are [to call , summon, invoke, invite; to name, designate; to bring or put into any state or condition]; 'in dubium', [to call into question].

-Y, Z-

Zeno (Zenon) -onis m. [name of several Greek philosophers].