**Nouns: 1st Declension**

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| Dictionary Entry for a noun = Nominative singular form, Genitive singular, gender   * *agricola, agricolae*, m.— farmer   First Declension: Genitive Case ends in **-ae** |

Vocabulary Examples:

* *poeta, poet****ae*,** m.–poet
* *agricola, agricol****ae*,** m.–farmer
* *femina, femin****ae*,** f.– woman
* *puella, puell****ae*,** f.– girl

**1st Declension Case Endings**

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| 1st Declension  M. & F. | | | Case Uses |
|  | **sing.** | **pl.** |  |
| Nominative | -a | -ae | subject, predicate Nominative, predicate adjective |
| Genitive | -ae | -arum | possessive, of..., 's, ...s' |
| Dative | -ae | -is | indirect object (to whom, for whom) |
| Accusative | -am | -as | direct object, object of certain prepositions |
| Ablative | -a | -is | by means, object of certain prepositions |

**Declining a 1st Declension Noun**

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| 1st Declension  femina, feminae f. woman | | | | |
|  | **singular** | **English translation** | **plural** | **English translation** |
| Nominative | femina | the woman | feminae | the women |
| Genitive | feminae | of the woman | feminarum | of the women |
| Dative | feminae | to/for the woman | feminis | to/for the women |
| Accusative | feminam | the woman | feminas | the women |
| Ablative | femina | by/with the woman | feminis | by/with the women |

**Nota bene:** Although most 1st declension nouns are feminine, there are a few masculine forms. They are declined the same way, but you will want to pay close attention to gender when it comes to adjective and participle agreement.

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| 1st Declension  agricola, agricolae m. farmer | | | | |
|  | **singular** | **English translation** | **plural** | **English translation** |
| Nominative | agricola | the farmer | agricolae | the farmers |
| Genitive | agricolae | of the farmer | agricolarum | of the farmers |
| Dative | agricolae | to/for the farmer | agricolis | to/for the farmers |
| Accusative | agricolam | the farmer | agricolas | the farmers |
| Ablative | agricola | by/with the farmer | agricolis | by/with the farmers |

**Sentence Examples:**

1. ***Agricola feminam amat***. The farmer loves the woman.
2. ***Puellae ad portam ambulant***. The girls walk towards the door.
3. ***Feminae gemmas tenent***. The women hold the gems.