**Nouns: 2nd Declension**

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| Dictionary Entry for a noun = Nominative singular form, Genitive singular, gender   * murus, muri, m.—wall * templum, templi, n.—temple   **2nd Declension nouns:**   * **have Genitive singular form that ends in –i** * **are in the masculine or neuter genders** |

Vocabulary Examples:

* amicus, amic**i,** m.—friend
* vir, vir**i,** m.—man
* bellum, bell**i.** n.—war

**2nd Declension Endings**

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| 2nd Declension  M. | | | 2nd Declension  N | | Case Uses |
|  | **singular** | **plural** | **singular** | **plural** |  |
| Nominative | -us, -er, -ir | -i | -um | -a | subject, predicate Nominative, predicate adjective |
| Genitive | -i | -orum | -i | -orum | possessive, of..., 's, ...s' |
| Dative | -o | -is | -o | -is | indirect object (to whom, for whom) |
| Accusative | -um | -os | -um | -a | direct object, object of certain prepositions |
| Ablative | -o | -is | -o | -is | by means, object of certain prepositions |

**Declining 2nd Declension nouns**

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| 2nd Declension  amicus, amici, m. friend | | | | |
|  | **singular** | **English translation** | **plural** | **English translation** |
| Nominative | amicus | the friend | amici | the friends |
| Genitive | amici | of the friend | amicorum | of the friends |
| Dative | amico | to/for the friend | amicis | to/for the friends |
| Accusative | amicum | the friend | amicos | the friends |
| Ablative | amico | by/with the friend | amicis | by/with the friends |

***Nota bene*:** Remember, when declining any noun, the stem is found by removing the ending in from the Genitive form. In some declensions, the Nominative form will look different from the rest of the forms when declined. This is the case for 2nd Declension nouns that end in "r."

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| 2nd Declension  ager, agri, m. field | | | | |
|  | **singular** | **English translation** | **plural** | **English translation** |
| Nominative | ager | the field | agri | the fields |
| Genitive | agri | of the field | agrorum | of the fields |
| Dative | agro | to/for the field | agris | to/for the fields |
| Accusative | agrum | the field | agros | the fields |
| Ablative | agro | by/with the field | agris | by/with the fields |

***Nota bene*:** Make sure you identify the gender of your 2nd Declension nouns before declining. The Nominative and Accusative forms differ between masculine and neuter forms.

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| 2nd Declension  bellum, belli, n. war | | | | |
|  | **singular** | **English translation** | **plural** | **English translation** |
| Nominative | bellum | the war | bella | the wars |
| Genitive | belli | of the war | bellorum | of the wars |
| Dative | bello | to/for the war | bellis | to/for the wars |
| Accusative | bellum | the war | bella | the wars |
| Ablative | bello | by/with the war | bellis | by/with the wars |

**Sentence Examples:**

1. ***Amici*** *ad* ***oppidum*** *venerunt.* The friends went to the town.
2. *In* ***bello*** *pugnabimus.* We will fight in the war.
3. ***Graeci******viris******dona*** *dant.* The Greeks give gifts to the men.