**Nouns: 3rd Declension *i*–Stem** **Nouns**

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| Dictionary Entry for a noun = Nominative singular form, Genitive singular, gender   * *civis, civis,* m./f.–citizen   **3rd Declension nouns:**   * **Genitive singular ends in –is.** * **Certain nouns are "i-stem" based upon their Nominative and Genitive forms.** |

**Identifying Masculine/Feminine I-stems**

1. Mirror Effect: Nominative singular and Genitive singular are mirror images.  
   Example: *navis*, *navis,* f.—ship
2. Nominative ends in -x or -s, and the Genitive stem ends in a double consonant.  
   Example: *par****s***, *pa****rt****is,* f.—part, share; *ar****x***, *a****rc****is,* f.—citadel

Vocabulary Examples:

* *arx, arc****is,*** f.—citadel
* *mare, mar****is*,** n.—sea

**Identifying Neuter I-stems**

Nominative ends in -al, -e, -r.

Vocabulary Examples:

* *anim****al***, *animalis,* n.—animal
* *mar****e***, *maris* n.—sea
* *exempla****r***, *exemplaris*—n. example

**Nota bene:** Neuter I-stems use the Nominative/Accusative plural ending **-ia**; Ablative singular can end in **-I**; and Genitive plural ends in **-ium.**

**3rd Declension I-Stem Endings**

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| Third Declension “i” stem Endings | | | | |
| Singular | | | **Plural** | |
| Case | **“I” Stem Endings m.f. / n.** | **Case** | | **“I” Stem Ending m.f. / n.** |
| Nominative | ---- | Nominative | | -es / -ia |
| Genitive | -is | Genitive | | -ium |
| Dative | -i | Dative | | -ibus |
| Accusative | -em / --- | Accusative | | - es / -ia |
| Ablative | -e, -i | Ablative | | -ibus |

**Declining 3rd Declension i-stems**

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| *civis*, *civis*, m. – citizen  (stem: civis – is = civ-) | | | *mare*, *maris*, n. – sea  (stem: maris – is = mar-) | | |
| Case | **Singular** | **Plural** | **Case** | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Nominative | civis | cives | **Nominative** | mare | maria |
| Genitive | civis | civium | **Genitive** | maris | marium |
| Dative | civi | civibus | **Dative** | mari | maribus |
| Accusative | civem | cives | **Accusative** | mare | maria |
| Ablative | cive | civibus | **Ablative** | mari | maribus |

**Sentence Examples:**

1. *Duces captivos ad* ***arcem*** *ducit.* The leaders lead the captives to the citadel.
2. *Tibi multa* ***exemplaria*** *sententiarum Latinarum damus.* We give to you many examples of Latin sentences.
3. ***Cives*** *sunt in periculo*. The citizens are in danger.