**Nouns: 3rd Declension**

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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.** |

Vocabulary Examples:

* *lex, leg****is*,** f.—law
* *dux, duc****is*,** m.—leader
* *frater, fratres*, m.—brother
* *caput, capit****is*,** n.—head

**Third Declension Case Endings**

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| Case | Masculine and Feminine | | Neuter | | Case Uses |
|  | sing. | pl. | sing. | pl. |  |
| Nominative | --- (varied) | -es | --- (varied) | -a | subject, predicate Nominative, predicate adjective |
| Genitive | -is | -um | -is | -um | possessive, of..., 's, ...s' |
| Dative | -i | -ibus | -i | -ibus | indirect object (to whom, for whom) |
| Accusative | -em | -es | --- (varied) | -a | direct object, object of certain prepositions |
| Ablative | -e | -ibus | -e | -ibus | by means, object of certain prepositions |

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| **Declining Third Declension  Masculine, Feminine, and Neuter** |

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| Third Declension  Masculine and Feminine | | | | |
| Case | **pax, pacis, f.— peace**  (stem = Genitive singular minus the endings, pac-) | | **rex, regis, m.—king**  (stem = Genitive singular minus the endings, reg-) | |
|  | **Singular** | **Plural** | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Nominative | pax | paces | rex | reges |
| Genitive | pacis | pacum | regis | regum |
| Dative | paci | pacibus | regi | regibus |
| Accusative | pacem | paces | regem | reges |
| Ablative | pace | pacibus | rege | regibus |

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| Third Declension  Neuter | | |
| Case | **flumen, fluminis, n.—river**  (stem = Genitive singular minus the endings, flumin-) | |
|  | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Nominative | flumen | flumina |
| Genitive | fluminis | fluminum |
| Dative | flumini | fluminibus |
| Accusative | flumen | flumina |
| Ablative | flumine | fluminibus |

***Nota bene****:* Remember, when declining any noun, the stem is found by removing the ending 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 3rd Declension nouns that end in "r."

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| Third Declension  frater, fratres, m.—brother | | |  |  |
|  | **Singular** | **English Translation** | **Plural** | **English Translation** |
| Nominative | frater | the brother | fratres | the brothers |
| Genitive | fratris | of the brother | fratrum | of the brothers |
| Dative | fratri | to/for the brother | fratribus | to/for the brothers |
| Accusative | fratrem | the brother | fratres | the brothers |
| Ablative | fratre | by/with the brother | fratribus | by/with the brothers |

**Sentence Examples:**

1. *Equus magnum* ***caput*** *habet*. The horse has a large head.
2. *Sorores* ***fratres*** *amant*. The sisters love the brothers.
3. *In* ***flumine*** *sunt pisces*. In the river there are fish.