



Unit 4 Lesson 6

Harry Potter and Latin

1. Harry Potter has been translated into languages around the world. Which languages do you think these titles are from? Match the title to the language. Which Harry Potter book are they naming?

<i>Harry Potter en de Geheime Kamer</i>	Italian
<i>Harry Potter agus an Seomra Rúnda</i>	Dutch
हैरी पॉटर और रहस्यमयी तहखाना	Russian
<i>Harry Potter e la Camera dei Segreti</i>	Hindi
<i>Harry Potter og Mysteriekammeret</i>	Thai
<i>Гарри Поттер и тайная комната</i>	Norwegian
<i>Harry Potter ve Sırlar Odası</i>	Turkish
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Wherever you look, the Harry Potter books are loaded with Latin, from the Hogwarts motto "**Draco dormiens nunquam titillandus**" which means "never tickle a sleeping dragon", to **Knockturn Alley** from 'nocturnus' meaning night, apt for a pretty sinister place, and the Truth Potion "**Veritaserum**", from 'veritas' meaning truth.

2. Give 4 reasons why JK Rowling uses so much Latin in the Harry Potter books?

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3. Name 4 aspects of the Harry Potter books which use themes of words Latin or Greek language or mythology.

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4. Match the Latin character name to the meaning. Think about how these names give us understanding into their character.

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| 1. Severus (Snape) | a. Wolf |
| 2. Lupin | b. Female warrior |
| 3. Draco (Malfoy) | c. White |
| 4. Albus (Dumbledore) | d. Had a thousand eyes |
| 5. Rubeus (Hagrid) | e. Woodland |
| 6. Ludo (Bagman) | f. Severe |
| 7. Silvanus (<u>Kettleburn</u>) | g. Pain |
| 8. Bellatrix | h. Fly from death |
| 9. Delores (Umbridge) | i. To play |
| 10. Minerva (McGonagall) | j. Dragon |
| 11. Argus (Argus Filch) | k. Goddess of wisdom |
| 12. Voldemort | l. Of the bramble |



5. Spells and Incantations – guess what these Latin spells mean.

Expelliarmus

Expecto Partonum

Levicorpus

Evanesco

Wingardium Leviosa

Serpensortia

Apericium

Petrificus Totalus

Crucio

Stupefy

Accio

Rictusempra

Difindo

Reparo