

# **The accusative and dative cases**

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# Noun cases: review

- case recognized from *ending*
- cases indicate *function*
  - *nominative* : the "naming case"
  - *genitive* : the "connecting case"

## Denarius of Titus, 80 CE

IVLIA AVGVSTA TITI AVGVSTI F(ILIA)

Nominative: names Julia Augusta

Genitive: connects Titus to Julia



## Accusative: the *target* case

- direct object (target of verb's action )
- **object of preposition** (direction, reason)
- expressions of purpose with **gerundive**

# Direct object and object of preposition

Hercules louis filius **Megaram** Creontis  
**filiam per insaniam** [interfecit].

Hercules [killed] **Megara**, the  
daughter of Creon, **on account  
of** madness.



## Dative: the *winners/losers* case

Who benefits? in whose interest?

- **indirect object**

# Examples

Creon Megaram filiam suam **Herculi** dedit.

Creon gave his daughter Megara  
**to Hercules.**

fecit Hercules gymnicos **Pelopi** Tantali  
**filio.**

Hercules established athletic  
games **for Pelops, the son of**  
Tantalus.



# Dative forms

Declension	Singular	Plural
1	filī-ae	filī-īs
2	filī-ō	filī-īs
3	matrī	matri-ībus

# Accusative: masculine and feminine

Declension	Singular	Plural
1	filii- <u>a</u> <u>m</u>	filii- <u>a</u> <u>s</u>
2	filii- <u>u</u> <u>m</u>	filii- <u>o</u> <u>s</u>
3	matr-e <u>m</u>	matr-e <u>s</u>

## ***Nota Bene: accusative neuter***

Declension	Nominative/Accusative Singular	Nominative/Accusative Plural
2	exempl- <b>um</b>	exempl- <b>a</b>
3	nomen	nomin- <b>a</b>

**Valēte!**

