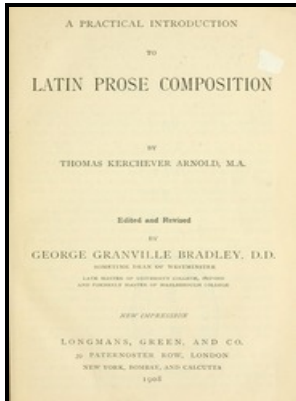


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Loss of oblique cases The Vulgar Latin vowel shifts caused the merger of several case endings in the nominal and adjectival declensions.

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Similarly, the Classical , meaning 'speak', was replaced by a variety of alternatives such as the native and or the Greek borrowing. That is not to say that the language had been static for all those years, but rather that ongoing changes tended to spread to all regions.

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Grammar As we have seen, the cases were slowly disappearing in the development of Vulgar Latin. Yet the thought of a mother remembering her six-year-old son in a simple Latin inscription or of Hadrian grappling with the speech of high society gives us an inkling that Latin once was a living language for everyone, not just for scholars.

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Vulgar Latin was a sociolect or group of sociolects mainly of the middle class from the time of Plautus to a century or so after the fall of the Western Empire.

### What is Vulgar Latin? — Latinitium

This article will give a fuller answer and show a few examples of what characterized Vulgar Latin pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar. This is worth committing to memory, but for the purposes of this article I will continue referring to the language as Vulgar Latin, seeing as this term is in wider use.

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