

Describing nouns with adjectives

Agenda

- Describing nouns:
 - with another noun
 - with adjectives

Describing nouns with nouns

- genitive case connects two nouns

SECVRITAS ORBIS

"The safety of the world"

- quality: ablative

homo **magno ingenio**

"A person (characterized by) of great talent"

The genitive: what kind of connection?

| amor dei

"Love of God"

Ambiguity in both Latin and English: who loves whom?

Kinds of connection

amor dei could mean:

- (Our) love for god
 - (sometimes called the *objective* genitive: it's like a direct object in "(someone) loves *god*")
- God's love (for us)
 - (sometimes called the *subjective* genitive: it's a subject in "God loves (someone)")

Describing nouns with a noun: wandering adverbs

Headline from Worcester [Telegram and Gazette](#):

"No **Pride Parade** This Year"

- **No** parade of pride?
- Parade of **no** pride?

Adjectives: another substantive

All adjectives have:

- gender, case, number

Used like a normal adjective:

| DIVA FAVSTINA

"The deified Faustina"

Used as a substantive:

| DIVI FILIVS

"Son of the god [the deified one]"

Adjectives also have *degree*

- positive
- comparative
- superlative

English examples

"Fast" has regular forms; "good" has irregular forms

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	best
fast	faster	fastest

Latin examples you have seen

optimus, optima, optimum, "best": superlative degree

primus, prima, primum, "first": superlative degree

