



## Latin Saying

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Salve!

– Hello! (to one person)

Salvete!

– Hello! (to more than one person)

## Lesson – The Alphabet

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The building blocks of any language are the letters used to make words.

### **The English Alphabet**

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There are *26 letters* in the English alphabet.

The **alphabet** is made up of two types of letters:

**vowels**

and

**consonants.**

**A,E,I,O,U**

**BCD FGH JKLMN PQRST VWXYZ**

(all letters that are not vowels)

### **The Latin Alphabet**

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The Latin alphabet looks like the English alphabet EXCEPT:

There are only *25 letters* in the Latin **alphabet**.

The Latin alphabet has no **W!**

Latin has the same vowels as English, **A,E,I,O,U**, but they sound a little different. Here are the Latin Vowel sounds.

<b>Vowel</b>	<b>Latin Sound</b>
A	ah, as in father
E	ay, as in way
I	ee, as in see
O	oh, as in no
U	oo, as in boo

**\*\* Remember**

Latin **E** sounds like an English long **A**.

Latin **I** sounds like an English long **E**.



## Vocabulary

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Practice saying the Latin **vowels** in each word.

1. ambulo	I walk
2. via	road
3. Deus	God
4. toga	toga
5. luna	moon

## Latin Prayers

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### Oremus

Say this before each prayer.

### Let us pray

## Derivatives

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<i>ambulance</i>	--a vehicle for carrying the sick or wounded (n.)
<i>viaduct</i>	--a bridge on piers or towers (n.)
<i>deity</i>	--a god (n.)
<i>lunar</i>	--having to do with the moon (adj.)



## Review Questions

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1. How many letters are in the English alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many letters are in the Latin alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What letter is missing from the Latin alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the two kinds of letters in the English alphabet? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Translation

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1. toga \_\_\_\_\_
2. Deus \_\_\_\_\_
3. ambulo \_\_\_\_\_
4. luna \_\_\_\_\_
5. via \_\_\_\_\_

## Speaking Latin

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- Practice saying the Latin vowel sounds in order...ah, ay, ee, oh, oo.  
Can you say them five times in a row?  
How fast can you correctly say them?
- Practice saying, “Salve” or “Salvete” to your parents, brothers and sisters, or friends this week.
- Begin the prayer before each meal with “Oremus.”
- Say each vocabulary word and its meaning five times.



## Write and Learn

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1. Write out the English alphabet.

Circle the vowels and underline the consonants.

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2. Write out the Latin alphabet for practice. Make sure to leave out or cross out the **W**!

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3. Write each vocabulary word and its meaning twice.

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**Fun Practice:** Draw a line to match the letter with its Latin sound. 

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A	ah
I	ee
U	ay
E	oh
O	oo