

Common Latin Phrases and Abbreviations

A

ab aeterno - *from the beginning of time*
a bene placito - *at one's pleasure*
ab imo pectore - *from the bottom of the heart*
ab incunabulis - *from the cradle*
ab initio - *from the beginning*
ab intestato - *having made no will*
ab ovo - *from the egg*
absente reo - *in absence of the defendant*
absit invidia - *no offence intended*
ab urbe condita - *from the foundation of the city (Rome)*
a capite ad calcem - *from head to heel*
a contrario - *from a contrary position*
a cruce salus - *from the cross comes salvation*
acte est fabula - *the play is finished*
actus reus - *guilty act*
AD (Anno Domini) - *in the year of the Lord*
ad absurdum - *to the point of absurdity*
addendum - *a thing to be added*
ad hoc - *to this particular purpose*
ad hominem - *according to the person*
ad infinitum - *to infinity*
ad interim - *for the meantime*
ad lib (ad libitum) - *as one pleases*
ad locum - *at the place*
ad maiorem Dei gloriam - *for the greater glory of God*
ad nauseum - *to the point of making one sick*
ad rem - *to the point*
adsum - *I am here*
advocatus diaboli - *the devil's advocate*
aet. (aetatis) - *age*
a fortiori - *by stronger reason*
agenda - *things to be done*
Agnus Dei - *the Lamb of God*
AH (anno hegirae) - *in the year of the hegira*
alea iacta est - *the die is cast*
alias - *otherwise*
alibi - *elsewhere*
alma mater - *nurturing mother*
alter ego - *other self / also known as*
alumnus - *nursling (former pupil)*
am (ante meridiem) - *before midday*
a mensa et thoro - *from board and bed (legal separation)*
amicus curiae - *friend of the court*
amor patriae - *love of country*
an. (anno) - *year*
anno mundi - *in the year of the world*
anno regni - *in the year of reign*
annus horribilis - *a horrible year*
annus mirabilis - *a wonderful year*
ante - *before*
antebellum - *before the war*
ante-mortem - *before death*
a.p. (ante prandium) - *before a meal*
a posse ad esse - *from possibility to actuality*
a posteriori - *from what comes later*
a priori - *from what comes before*
aqua vitae - *water of life (brandy)*
arbiter elegantiae - *judge in matters of taste*
arcana imperii - *secrets of the empire*

ars gratia artis - *art for art's sake*
artium baccalaureus - *Bachelor of Arts (BA)*
artium magister - *Master of Arts (MA)*
audaces fortuna iuvat - *fortune favours the bold*
aude sapere - *dare to know*
aurea mediocritas - *the golden mean*
aurora australis - *the southern lights*
aurora borealis - *the northern lights*
aut vincere aut mori - *either conquer or die*
ave atque vale - *hello and goodbye*
Ave Maria - *Hail Mary*
a verbis ad verbera - *from words to blows*

B

beatae memoriae - *of blessed memory*
Beata Virgo (Maria) - *the Blessed Virgin (Mary)*
bella gerant alii - *let others wage war*
bibere venenum in auro - *drink poison from a cup of gold*
b.i.d. (bis in die) - *twice a day*
bona fide - *acting in good faith*

C

c. (circa) - *approximately*
cadit quaestio - *the question drops*
caeca invidia est - *envy is blind*
carpe diem - *seize the day*
casus belli - *an act used to justify war*
cave - *beware!*
caveat - *let him/her beware*
caveat emptor - *let the buyer beware*
cave canem - *beware of the dog*
cedo maiori - *I yield to a greater person*
cetera desunt - *the rest is missing*
ceteris paribus - *other things being equal*
cf. (confer) - *compare*
Codex Juris Canonici - *book of canon law*
cogito ergo sum - *I think therefore I am*
commune bonum - *the common good*
compos mentis - *of sound mind (and judgement)*
concordia discors - *discordant harmony*
coniunctis viribus - *with united powers*
consensu omnium - *by the agreement of all*
consummatum est - *it is completed*
contra mundum - *against the world*
coram populo - *before the public*
Corpus Christi - *the body of Christ*
corpus delicti - *the body of the crime*
Corpus Juris Canonici - *the body of canon law*
Corpus Juris Civilis - *the body of civil law*
corpus vile - *worthless body*
corrigena - *things to be corrected*
crescite et multiplicamini - *increase and multiply*
crimen falsi - *perjury*
crux - *puzzle*
cui bono - *for whose advantage*
culpa - *a sin*
cum - *with*
cum grano salis - *with a grain of salt*
cum laude - *with praise*
curriculum vitae - *the course of one's life*
custos morum - *guardian of morals*

D

data et accepta - *expenditure and receipts*
decrevi - *i have decreed*
de die in diem - *from day to day*
de facto - *in fact*
Dei gratia- *by the grace of God*
de integro - *repeat again from the start*
de iure - *according to law*
de novo - *anew*
de mortuis nil nisi bonum - *speak no ill of the dead*
Deo adiuvante - *with God's help*
Deo favente - *with God's favour*
Deo gratias - *thanks be to God*
Deo Optimo Maximo - *to God, the Best, the Greatest*
Deo volente - *God willing*
de profundis - *up from the depths (of misery)*
desunt cetera - *the rest is missing*
deus absconditus - *a god who is hidden from man*
deus ex machina - *god from the machine*
Deus vobiscum - *God be with you*
Deus vult - *God wills it*
diem perdidit - *I have lost a day*
Dies Irae - *Day of Wrath*
dies non - *business free day*
dira necessitas - *grim necessity*
disjecta membra - *the scattered remains*
divide et impera - *divide and rule*
dixi - *i have spoken*
docendo discimus - *by teaching, we learn*
doli capax - *capable of crime*
Domine, dirige nos - *Lord, direct us*
Dominus illuminatio mea - *the Lord is my light*
Dominus vobiscum - *the Lord be with you*
(domus) dulcis domus - *(home) sweet home*
dramatis personae - *characters of the play*
dum spiro, spero - *while I breathe, I hope*

E

ecce homo - *behold the man*
ecce signum - *behold the proof*
e contrario - *from a contrary position*
editio princeps - *first printed edition*
e.g. (exempli gratia) - *by grace of example*
ego et rex meus - *I and my King*
eiusdem generis - *of the same kind*
emeritus - *honourably discharged from service*
eo ipso - *by that very act*
eo nomine - *under that name*
e pluribus unum - *one out of many*
e re nata - *as circumstances dictate*
E.R. (Elizabeth Regina/Eduardus Rex) - *Queen Elizabeth/King Edward*
ergo bibamus - *therefore, let us drink*
errare humanum est - *to err is human*
erratum (errata) - *error (errors)*
est deus in nobis - *the is a god inside us*
esto perpetue - *may you last for ever*
et al. (et alii/et aliae/et alia) - *and others*
etc. (et ceterae/etcetera) - *and the rest*
et seq. (et sequens) - *and the following*
et seqq. (et sequentia) - *and those that follow*

et sic de ceteris - *and so to of the rest*
et tu, Brute - *and you, Brutus*
e vestigio - *from where one stands*
ex - *out of*
ex cathedra - *with authority*
excelsior - *higher*
exceptio probat regulam - *the exception proves the rule*
exceptis excipiendis - *excepting what is to be excepted*
exeat - *let him/her go out*
exeunt - *they go out*
exeunt omnes - *all go out*
ex gratia - *done as a favour*
ex hypothesi - *from the hypothesis*
exit - *he/she goes out*
exitus acta probat - *the outcome justifies the deed*
ex libris - *from the library of*
ex more - *according to custom*
ex officio - *by right of office*
ex parte - *on behalf of one party only*
ex post facto - *from what is done afterward*
ex proprio motu - *voluntarily*
ex silentio - *from silence (from lack of contrary evidence)*
extempore - *without premeditation*
ex voto - *according to one's vow*

F

facile princeps - *acknowledged leader*
facta, non verba - *deeds, not words*
factum est - *it is done*
fama semper vivat - *may his/her fame last forever*
favete linguis - *to keep a (religious) silence*
fec. (fecit) - *made by*
felix culpa - *happy fault*
felo de se - *suicide*
festina lente - *make haste slowly*
fiat - *let it be done*
fiat lux - *let there be light*
Fidei Defensor - *defender of the faith*
fidus Achates - *faithful Achates (friend)*
filioque - *and from the son*
filius nullius - *a bastard*
finis - *the end*
flagrante delicto - *in the act of committing a crime*
flamma fumo est proxima - *the is no smoke without fire*
floruit - *flourished*
fons et origo - *the source and origin*
fortes fortuna adiuvat - *fortune favors the brave*
fugit hora - *the hour flies*

G

genius loci - *the guardian spirit of the place*
gloria - *glory*
Gloria in Excelsis Deo - *glory to God in the highest*
Gloria Patri - *glory to the Father*
graviora manent - *greater dangers await*

H

habeas corpus - *you are to produce the body*
habemus Papam - *we have a Pope*
hac lege - *with this law*
haud ignota loquor - *I say things that are known*

hic et nunc - *here and now*
hic iacet - *here lies*
hinc illae lacrimae - *hence these tears*
HJ (hic jacet) - *here lies*
HJS (hic jacet sepultus) - *here lies buried*
hoc erat in votis - *this was among my prayers*
homo homini lupus - *man is a wolf to man*
homo sum - *i am a man*
honoris causa - *for the sake of honour*
honor virtutis praemium - *honour is the reward of virtue*
horribile dictu - *horrible to relate*
horror vacui - *fear of empty places*
hunc tu caveto - *beware of this man*

I

ib. (ibidem) - *in the same place*
i.e. (id est) - *that is to say*
ign. (ignotus) - *unknown*
ignis fatuus - *foolish fire (will-o-the-wisp)*
ignorantia legis neminem excusat - *ignorance of the law excuses no one*
ignoratio elenchi - *an ignorance of proof*
Imp. (Imperator/Imperatrix) - *Emperor/Empress*
imperium - *absolute power*
imprimatur - *let it be printed*
imprimis - *in first place*
in absentia - *in the absence of*
in actu - *in practice*
in aeternum - *for eternity*
in articulo mortis - *at the moment of death*
in banco - *on the bench*
in camera - *in private chamber*
incipit - *begin here*
index librorum prohibitorum - *list of forbidden books*
in distans - *at a distance*
in dubio - *in doubt*
in esse - *in existence*
in excelsis - *in the highest*
in extenso - *at full length*
in extremis - *in extremity*
in fine - *at the end*
infra - *below, underneath*
infra dig. (infra dignitatem) - *beneath one's dignity*
in futuro - *in the future*
in gremio legis - *in the protection of the law*
in infinitum - *to infinity*
in loco parentis - *in the place of a parent*
in medias res - *into the midst of things*
in memoriam - *in memory of*
in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Santi - *in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*
in nubibus - *in the clouds*
in nuce - *in a nutshell*
in omnia paratus - *ready for anything*
in ovo - *in the egg*
in parvo - *in miniature*
in perpetuum - *for ever*
in personam - *against the person*
in pleno - *in full*
in posse - *in possibility*
in praesenti - *at the present time*

in principio - *in the beginning*
in propria persona - *in person*
in puris naturalibus - *completely naked*
in re - *referring to*
in rem - *against the matter (property)*
in rerum natura - *in the nature of things*
Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum - *Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews*
insculpsit - *he/she engraved it*
in se - *in itself*
in situ - *in position*
inter alia - *among other things*
inter alios - *among other people*
in terrorem - *as a warning*
inter se - *between themselves*
inter spem et metum - *between hope and fear*
inter vivos - *between living (people)*
in totidem verbis - *in so many words*
in toto - *completely*
in transitu - *in passing*
intra vires - *within the powers*
in usu - *in use*
in utero - *in the womb*
in vacuo - *in a vacuum*
in vino veritas - *in wine is truth*
in vitro - *in glass*
in vivo - *in the living (thing)*
ipsi dixit - *he himself said it*
ipsissima verba - *the exact words*
ipso facto - *by that very fact*
ipso iure - *by operation of the law*
i.q. (idem quod) - *the same as*
ite, misse est - *go, the Mass is finished*
iubilare Deo - *rejoice in God*
iure divino - *by divine law*
iure humano - *by human law*
ius civile - *civil law*
ius gentium - *the law of nations*
ius primae noctis - *right of the first night*
iustitia omnibus - *justice for all*

K

L

L.S.D. (libra solidus denarius) - *pounds, shillings, pence*
lachryma Christi - *Christ's tears*
lapsus calami - *a slip of the pen*
lapsus linguae - *a slip of the tongue*
lapsus memoriae - *a slip of the memory*
laus Deo - *praise be to God*
lc (loco citato) - *in the place cited*
lector benevole - *kind reader*
lex domicilii - *the law of a person's home country*
lex fori - *the law of the forum (country)*
lex loci - *the law of the place*
lex non scripta - *the unwritten (common) law*
lex scripta - *the written law*
lex talionis - *the law of revenge*
licet - *it is allowed*
litterae humaniores - *the humanities*
litterati - *men of letters*

locus classicus - *classical passage*
locus delicti - *the scene of the crime*
locus desperatus - *a hopeless passage*
locus in quo - *the place in which something happens*
locus poenitentiae - *a place for repentance*
LS (locus sigilli) - *the place of the seal*
locus standi - *place of standing*
longo intervallo - *after a long gap*
loq. (loquitur) - *he/she speaks*
lumen naturale - *natural light*
lupus est homo homini - *man is wolf to man*
lusus naturae - *a freak of nature*
lux mundi - *the light of the world*

M

MA (Magister Artium) - *master of arts*
magna cum laude - *with great distinction*
magnificat - *it magnifies*
magnum bonum - *a great good*
magnum opus - *the greatest piece of work (of an artist)*
mala fide - *in bad faith*
mare clausum - *a closed sea*
mare liberum - *an open sea*
mare nostrum - *our sea (Mediterranean)*
mater - *mother*
Mater Dolorosa - *sorrowful mother (Virgin Mary)*
materfamilias - *mother of family*
materia medica - *medical matter*
maximus in minimis - *great in little things*
mea culpa - *through my fault*
memento mori - *remember that you must die*
memorabilia - *memorable things*
memoria in aeterna - *in everlasting remembrance*
memoriter - *from memory*
mens rea - *guilty mind*
mens sana in corpore - *a healthy mind in a healthy body*
millennium (millennia) - *a thousand year period*
mirabile dictu - *wonderful to relate*
mirabile visu - *wonderful to behold*
miserere - *have mercy*
Missa solemnis - *solemn Mass (high Mass)*
mittimus - *we send (to prison)*
modus agendi - *manner of operation*
m.o. (modus operandi) - *way of operating*
modus vivendi - *way of living*
moratorium - *a delay*
morituri te salutant - *those who are about to die salute you*
motu proprio - *of one's own initiative*
multum in parvo - *much in small space*
mutatis mutandis - *with the necessary changes*
mutato nomine - *the name being changed*

N

nascentes morimur - *from the moment we are born, we die*
natale solum - *native soil*
natura abhorret a vacua - *nature abhors a vacuum*
nb. (nota bene) - *note well*
ne cede malis - *do not give in to misfortune*
necessitas non habet legem - *necessity has no law*
nem. con. (nemine contradicente) - *with no one speaking in opposition*

nem. diss. (nemine dissentiente) - *with no one disagreeing*
ne nimium - *not too much*
ne plus ultra - *no further*
nihil - *nothing*
nihil ad rem - *nothing to do with the point*
nihil obstat - *nothing stands in the way*
nil desperandum - *do not despair*
nisi prius - *unless previously*
nolens volens - *whether willing or unwilling*
noli me tangere - *touch me not*
nolle prosequi - *do not pursue*
nolo contendere - *I do not wish to contend*
nominatim - *by name*
non bis in idem - *not twice for the same thing*
non compos mentis - *not of sound mind*
non licet - *it is not allowed*
non liquet - *it is not clear*
non nobis, Domine - *not unto us, O Lord*
non placet - *it does not please*
non prosequitur - *he does not proceed*
non sequitur - *it does not follow*
nosce te ipsum - *know thyself*
novus homo - *a new man*
nulli secundus - *second to none*
numen - *divine power*
numerus clausus - *a restricted number*
Nunc Dimittis - *now let depart*
nunc est bibendum - *now it is time to drink*

O

ob. (obiit) - *he/she died*
ob. (obiter) - *in passing*
obiter dictum - *something said in passing*
obscurum per obscurius - *the obscure by means of the more obscure*
oderint dum metuant - *let them hate provided that they fear*
odi et amo - *i hate and I love*
olim - *formerly*
omnia vincit amor - *love conquers all*
omnium gatherum - *assortment*
onus probandi - *the burden of proof*
op. cit. (opere citato) - *in the cited work*
optimis parentibus - *to my excellent parents*
opus Dei - *the work of God*
ora pro nobis - *pray for us*
ore rotundo - *with full voice*
o tempora! o mores! - *what times! what customs!*

P

p.a. (per annum) - *every year*
pace - *by leave of*
pace tua - *with your consent*
pacta sunt servanda - *agreements must be kept*
parens patriae - *parent of the country*
pari passu - *with equal pace*
particeps criminis - *partner in crime*
passim - *all through*
paterfamilias - *father of the family*
pater historiae - *the father of history*
Pater Noster - *Our Father*

pater patriae - *father of the country*
 patris est filius - *he is his father's son*
 paucis verbis - *in a few words*
 pax - *peace*
 pax vobiscum - *peace be with you*
 peccavi - *I have sinned*
 peculium - *property*
 pendente lite - *while a suit is pending*
 per ardua ad astra - *through difficulties to the stars*
 per annum - *yearly*
 per capita - *per head*
 per cent (per centum) - *per hundred*
 per contra - *on the contrary*
 per diem - *daily*
 per mensem - *monthly*
 per pro (per procurationem) - *by delegation to*
 perpetuum mobile - *perpetual motion*
 per se - *by itself*
 persona (non) grata - *(un)welcome person*
 petitio principii - *an assumption at the start*
 pictor ignotus - *painter unknown*
 pinxit - *he/she painted it*
 placet - *it pleases*
 pleno iure - *with full authority*
 pm (post meridiem) - *after midday*
 posse (posse comitatus) - *the force of the country*
 post bellum - *after the war*
 post factum - *after the fact*
 post hoc - *after this*
 post mortem - *after death*
 post obitum - *after death*
 post partum - *after childbirth*
 pr (per rectum) - *through the rectum*
 praemonitus, praemunitus - *forewarned, forearmed*
 prima facie - *at first sight*
 primum mobile - *prime mover*
 primus inter pares - *first among equals*
 prn (pro re nata) - *as needed*
 probatum est - *it has been proved*
 pro bono (pro bono publico) - *for the good of the public*
 pro forma - *as a matter of formality*
 pro hac vice - *for this occasion*
 pro memoria - *for a memorial*
 pro nunc - *for now*
 pro patria - *for one's country*
 pro rata - *in proportion to the value*
 pro tem. (pro tempore) - *for the time being*
 proxime accessit - *he/she came close*
 ps (post scriptum) - *written later*

Q

qe (quod est) - *which is*
 QED (quod erat demonstrandum) - *which was to be demonstrated*
 QEF (quod erat faciendum) - *which was to be done*
 qm (quaque mane) - *every morning*
 qn (quaque nocte) - *every night*
 qs (quantum sufficit) - *as much as suffices*
 qqv (quae vide) - *see these things*
 qua - *in so far as*
 quaere verum - *seek the truth*

quantum meruit - *as much as he/she deserved*
 quid pro quo - *something for something*
 quis custodiet ipsos custodes - *who will guard the guardians*
 qui tacet consentit - *who keeps silent consents*
 quo iure - *by what law?*
 quandam - *formally*
 quorum - *of whom*
 quo vadis - *where are you going to?*
 qv (quod vide) - *see this thing*

R

rara avis - *rare bird*
 re - *concerning*
 recto - *on the right*
 redivivus - *come back to life*
 reductio ad absurdum - *reduction to the absurd*
 referendum - *something to be referred*
 regina - *queen*
 religious loci - *the (religious) spirit of the place*
 requiescat in pace - *may he/she rest in peace*
 res gestae - *things done*
 res ipsa loquitur - *the thing speaks for itself*
 res iudicata - *thing already judged upon*
 respice finem - *look to the end*
 res publica - *the public thing*
 resurgam - *i shall rise again*
 rex - *king*
 RI (Regina et Imperatrix/Rex et Imperator) - *Queen and Empress/King and Emperor*
 rigor mortis - *the rigidity of death*
 RIP (requiescat in pace) - *may he/she rest in peace*

S

salve veritate - *saving the truth*
 salve - *hello*
 sanctum sanctorum - *the holy of holies*
 sartor resartus - *the tailor patched*
 satis - *enough*
 sc. (scilicet) - *that is to say*
 scala Caeli - *the ladder of heaven*
 scala naturae - *the ladder of nature*
 scandalum magnatum - *scandal of magnates*
 schola cantorum - *school of singers*
 sciri facias - *cause (him) to know*
 scripsit - *he/she wrote it*
 sculpsit - *he/she engraved it*
 semper idem - *always the same*
 semper fidelis - *always faithful*
 semper paratus - *always be prepared*
 sensu lato - *broadly speaking*
 sensu stricto - *strictly speaking*
 seq. (sequens) - *the following (one)*
 seqq. (sequentia) - *the following (ones)*
 seriatim - *in order*
 sic - *thus*
 sic erat in fatiis - *so it was fated*
 sic itur ad astra - *such is the way to the stars*
 sic passim - *thus everywhere*
 sic transit gloria mundi - *so passes the glory of the world*
 sine cura - *without a care*
 sine die - *without a day (indefinitely)*

sine qua non - *something/someone indispensable*
siste, viator - *stop, traveller*
si vis pacem, para bellum - *if you want peace, prepare for war*
sl (sine loco) - *without place*
sp (sine prole) - *without issue*
spero melior - *I hope for better things*
spiritus asper - *rough breathing*
spiritus lenis - *smooth breathing*
Stabat Mater - *the mother was standing*
stare decisis - *to stand by things decided*
status quo - *the current state of being*
stet - *let it stand*
sua cuique voluptas - *everyone has his own pleasures*
sub dio - *under the open sky*
sub iudice - *under a judge*
sub lite - *in dispute*
sub poena - *under penalty of law*
sub rosa - *under the rose (secretly)*
suggestio falsi - *suggestion of something false*
sui generis - *of his/her/its kind*
sui iuris - *of one's own right*
summa cum laude - *with highest praise*
summum bonum - *the highest good*
suo iure - *in one's own right*
suo loco - *in a person's rightful place*
supra - *above*
sursum corda - *lift up your hearts (to God)*
sv (sub voce) - *under the voice*

T

tabula rasa - *blank tablet*
tacet - *silence*
te Deum - *Thee, God*
te igitur - *thee, therefore*
tempore - *in the time of*
tempus fugit - *time flees*
terminus ad quem - *the end to which*
terminus a quo - *the end from which*
terra firma - *solid ground*
terra incognita - *unknown land*
tertium quid - *a third something*
theatrum mundi - *the theatre of the world*
t.i.d. (ter in die) - *three times a day*
totidem verbis - *in so many words*
tu quoque - *you likewise*

U

uberrima fides - *utmost good faith*
ubique - *everywhere*
ubi supra - *where (cited) above*

ubi sunt - *where are*
ultima ratio - *ultimate sanction*
ultima Thule - *the most distant Thule*
ultimus Romanorum - *the last of the Romans*
ultra vires - *beyond the powers*
una voce - *with one's voice*
urbi et orbi - *to the city and to the world*
ut dict. (ut dictum) - *as directed*
ut infra - *as below*
ut sup. (ut supra) - *as above*
uti foro - *to play the market*
uti possidetis - *as you possess*

V

v (verso) - *reverse*
v (versus) - *against*
v (vide) - *see*
vade in pace - *go in peace*
vade mecum - *go with me*
vae victis - *woe to the conquered*
vale - *farewell*
variorum - *of various people*
veni, vidi, vici - *I came, I saw, I conquered*
venire facias - *you must make come*
verbatim et litteratim - *word for word and letter for letter*
verb. sap. (verbum sapienti sat est) - *a word is enough to the wise*
veritas nunquam perit - *truth never dies*
veritas vos liberabit - *the truth will set you free*
via - *by way of*
Via Crucis - *the Way of the Cross*
Via Dolorosa - *the Way of Sorrow*
Via Lactea - *the Milky Way*
via media - *the middle way*
vice - *in place of*
vice versa - *in reverse order*
vide - *see*
vide ut supra - *see the above*
vi et armis - *by force and arms*
virginibus puerisque - *for maidens and youths*
virgo intacta - *intact virgin*
vivat regina - *long live the queen*
vivat rex - *long live the king*
viva voce - *with living voice*
vixit - *he/she has lived*
viz (videlicet) - *namely*
v.l. (varia lecto) - *variant reading*
volente Deo - *God willing*
vox populi - *the voice of the people*
VR (Victoria Regina) - *Queen Victoria*