

## 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*