

# Ancient Roman Language

Latin is a very old language that was used in Ancient Rome. It was the official language of the Roman Empire, so as the empire grew, so did the use of Latin. When the Romans arrived in Britain in AD43 they brought Latin with them.

Check out this **Roman Altar** from Durham University's Museum of Archaeology. Can you read the famous Emperor's name carved into the stone? There are some letters missing, can you fill in the gaps?



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(Hint: He famously built a wall!)

## Latin *Lingua Animalis* Challenge

No one speaks Latin as their first language anymore, but many Latin words and phrases influenced the English language, so you can still find it hidden in words we use today. It is often used to give technical names to plants, animals, medical and legal terms. Latin was important to Christianity for a very long time and is still used today for some religious activities.

**Match the animals to their latin names. It will help if you say them out loud.**



Equus

Pullus

Canis

Piscis

Elephantus

Feles

Camelus

Leo

Mus

Serpens

