

LESSON XVI

TRŌIA

A Neuter nouns of the second declension Answer.

1. What is the nominative singular case ending of a first declension noun? _____
2. Nouns belonging to the first declension are primarily which gender?

3. Why are the nouns **agricola** and **nauta** exceptions to the description above?

4. The nominative singular case endings **-us** and **-er (-r)** distinguish nouns of which declension? _____
5. What gender are the **-us** and **-er (-r)** nouns? _____
6. What is the third and final gender you must learn to identify?

7. What are five nouns of this gender?

8. Do any of these five nouns belong to the first declension? _____
9. How do you know? _____
10. To which declension do these five nouns belong? _____
11. What do they have in common with the masculine nouns that are also included in this declension? _____
12. Which neuter case endings are identical to those of the masculine words in the same declension? Indicate with an X.

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
NOMINATIVE	_____	_____
GENITIVE	_____	_____
DATIVE	_____	_____
ACCUSATIVE	_____	_____
ABLATIVE	_____	_____

13. Which case endings have you left unmarked?



The neuter rule; noun endings in -a Note the following two-part rule.

- The accusative singular form of a neuter noun is always identical to its nominative singular form.
- The accusative plural form of a neuter noun is always identical to its nominative plural form.

The rule noted above, called the *neuter law*, holds true for neuter words in every declension.

The following nouns all end in **-a**. Because the words belong to different declensions, however, the endings provide different information about case and number.

Indicate the appropriate description of each term and then translate.

	FEM NOM SING	NEU NOM & ACC PL	TRANSLATION
1. frūmenta	_____	_____	_____
2. puella	_____	_____	_____
3. signa	_____	_____	_____
4. praemia	_____	_____	_____
5. littera	_____	_____	_____
6. via	_____	_____	_____
7. grātia	_____	_____	_____
8. cōnsilia	_____	_____	_____
9. pugna	_____	_____	_____
10. iniūria	_____	_____	_____