



*Roman Law*

## **BUT WHAT CAN I DO WITH LATIN?**

Students with qualifications in Classics (Latin and Greek) go into a variety of professional careers including Law and Medicine, among others. In the modern world, nearly 40% of jobs do not need special skills or knowledge since these can quickly become obsolete. What many employers seek is people who can solve problems, think with precision, and communicate clearly. Classical languages teach these skills.

## **POSSIBLE CAREERS**

- Advertising    Insurance    Banking
- Accountancy    Computing    Journalism
- Management    Publishing    Television
- Teaching    Marketing    Theater
- Finance    Medicine    Museums
- Civil Service    Law    Football

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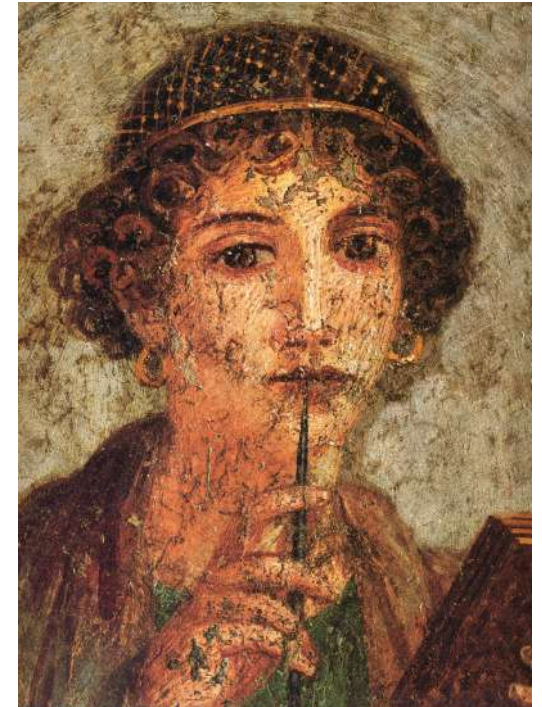
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*More Than Just a Language*



Arch of Constantine, built in 315 AD

## Latin and English

Over 60% of English words come from Latin. 90% of English words that are two or more syllables derive from Latin as well. Latin has contributed to English more than any other language. Its influence can mostly be seen in legal and medicinal terminology but also in everyday words and phrases such as *percent* and *etc.* (abbreviation of *et cetera*).



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## Influence of Latin

Latin was the language of the ancient Romans, and a quarter of the world's population keeps Latin alive today by speaking languages that are directly descended from Latin. Look below to see how Latin has influenced modern Romance languages such as Italian and Spanish.

<u>Latin</u>	<u>Italian</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Greek*</u>	<u>English*</u>
ūnus	uno	uno	heis	one
duo	due	dos	duo	two
trēs	tre	tres	treis	three
pāter	padre	padre	patēr	father
māter	madre	madre	mētēr	mother
mē	me	me	me	me

\*English and Greek are distantly related to Latin via a common ancestor language.

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*“I would let the clever ones learn Latin as an honor, and Greek as a treat.”*

~ *Winston Churchill*

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## The Advantages of Learning Latin

Data collected from the 2015 SAT and Subject tests\* report that Latin ranked #1 with a Critical Reading score of 680 and Writing score of 676, an average of 33 points above any other subject or language. Latin also ranked #1 among all languages in Critical Reading and tied at #1 in Writing. World Language students typically score higher at the AP level as well.

\*For details of Total Group Report, see: <https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/sat/total-group-2015.pdf>

## Latin at South Forsyth High School

South Forsyth High School offers 4 levels of Latin. In addition to the language itself, we also discuss Roman culture. Topics include literature, history, mythology, and government. Our program especially appeals to students who enjoy puzzles, games, technology, and mathematics. The Latin program is almost entirely online, allowing for a differentiated approach. We also offer accelerated Latin for students who wish to challenge themselves. Since Latin is not a spoken language, we focus on proficiency with reading and writing in Latin rather than speaking it.

So what are you waiting for?

*“Carpe diem!” ~ Horace*



