

Worksheet 14: 3rd Declension Nouns

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| 1st | Sg. | Pl | 2ndMF | Sg. | Pl | 2ndN | Sg. | Pl. | 3rdMF | Sg. | Pl. | 3rdN | Sg. | Pl |
| Nom | -a | -ae | Nom | -us (-r) | -ī | Nom | -um | -a | Nom | ---- | -ēs | Nom | ---- | -a |
| Gen | -ae | -ārum | Gen | -ī | -ōrum | Gen | -ī | -ōrum | Gen | -is | -um | Gen | -is | -um |
| Dat | -ae | -īs | Dat | -ō | -īs | Dat | -ō | -īs | Dat | -ī | -ibus | Dat | -ī | -ibus |
| Acc | -am | -ās | Acc | -um | -ōs | Acc | -um | -a | Acc | -em | -ēs | Acc | ---- | -a |
| Abl | -ā | -īs | Abl | -ō | -īs | Abl | -ō | -īs | Abl | -e | -ibus | Abl | -e | -ibus |

- I. **3rd Declension Nouns:** The 3rd declension contains **masculine, feminine, and neuter nouns**.
- The nominative can take many different forms, but the genitive always ends in *-is*.
 - When declining, be sure to get the **stem** from the **genitive form**.
 - For neuter nouns, remember that the nominative and accusative are the same (plurals end in *-a*).
 - Try to learn patterns across declensions (*-am, -um, -em* | *-ās, -ōs, -ēs* | *-īs, -īs, -ibus*).
 - 3rd declension is not any harder than 1st or 2nd – it’s just different! It contains the best words!

II. **Declension Practice:** Decline the following noun/adjective pairs:

1. Decline “skilled soldier.” **mīles, militis (m):** soldier | **perītus, perīta, perītum:** skilled
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|--------------|------|-----------|--------------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

2. Decline “sacred light.” **lux, lucis (f):** light | **sacer, sacra, sacrum:** sacred
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|--------------|------|-----------|--------------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

3. Decline “the first kind.” **genus, generis (n):** kind | **primus, prima, primum:** first
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|--------------|------|-----------|--------------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

4. Decline “the best voice.” **vox, vocis (f):** voice | **optimus, optima, optimum:** best
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

5. Decline “long journey.” **iter, itineris (n):** journey | **longus, longa, longum:** long
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

6. Decline “the great king.” **rex, regis (m):** king | **magnus, magna, magnum:** great
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

7. Decline “the good state.” **civitās, civitātis (f):** state | **bonus, bona, bonum:** good
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |

8. Decline “our time.” **tempus, temporis (n):** time | **noster, nostra, nostrum:** our
 Stem: _____ Stem: _____

| Sing. | Noun | Adjective | Plur. | Noun | Adjective |
|-------|------|-----------|-------|------|-----------|
| Nom. | | | Nom. | | |
| Gen. | | | Gen. | | |
| Dat. | | | Dat. | | |
| Acc. | | | Acc. | | |
| Abl. | | | Abl. | | |