

Latin conversation



Hello & goodbye

Teacher - **salvete!** (*sal-way-tay*) – hello!

Students - **salve!** (*sal-way*) – hello!

Teacher - **valete!** (*wal-ay-tay*) – goodbye!

Students - **vale!** (*wal-ay*) – goodbye!

‘Salve’ is the greeting used to one person and ‘salvete’ is a greeting to more than one. ‘Vale’ works in the same way; the greeting changes depending on how whether the speaker is addressing one or many people.



Yes/No

ita vero (*eet-a wear-oh*) – yes

minime (*min-ee-may*) – no

placetne tibi? (*plack-ate-nay tee-bee*) – Is that OK? (to one person)

placetne vobis? (*plack-ate-nay woa-bees*) – Is that OK? (to more than one person)



What's your name

quid nomen est tibi? (*kwid noh-men est tee-bee*) - What's your name?

mihi nomen est (*mee-hee noh-men est...*) - My name is ...



How are you?

quid agistis? (*kwid ag-iss-tiss*) - how are you?

bene, gratias tibi ago (*bay-nay, gra-tee-as tee-bee agg-oh*) – well, thank you

male (*mah-lay*) – not well/bad

n.b. the -tis on the end of agistis shows us that the teacher is asking many pupils in the class. If just asking one person, it would be, ‘quid agis?’ (*kwid agg-iss*)



Taking the register

Teacher - **quis adest?** (*kwiss ad-est*) - who is here?

Student – **adsum!** (*add-sum*) - I am here

Student – **[name] abest** (*ab-est*) – [name] is absent



Happy Birthday

(sung to the tune of Happy Birthday)

felix dies tibi sit (*fay-lix dee-ays tee-bee sit*)

felix dies tibi sit

felix dies cara/care* [name] (*fay-lix dee-ays car-a/car-ay*)

felix dies tibi sit

* 'care' for a boy and 'cara' for a girl



The weather – tempestas (*tem-pess-tass*)

hodie (*hod-ee-ay*) – today...

...**pluit** (*plew-it*) – is it raining

...**sol lucet** (*sol loo-ket*) – the sun is shining

...**ventus efflavit** (*wen-tuss eff-lah-wit*) – the wind is blowing

...**nix adest** (*nicks add-est*) – there's snow