

The Fifth Declension

Fifth declension nouns carry a characteristic **-e-** and are identified by the **-eī** in the genitive singular.

	Sing.	Plur.
Nom.	rēs	rēs
Gen.	reī	rērum
Dat.	reī	rēbus
Acc.	rem	rēs
Abl.	rē	rēbus

Gender: All 5th declension nouns are **feminine**, except *dies*, and compounds of *dies*, which are masculine. *Dies*, however, can also be feminine when it refers to a specific day: *constitūtā diē, on the appointed day*.

Of nouns of the fifth declension, only *dies* and *res* are declined fully. Most lack plural forms, which are, however, found in the nominative or accusative in *acies, effigies, eluvies, facies, glacies, series, species, spes*.

The 5th declension noun *dies* is used to form certain common adverbs and expressions of time:

hodie, today pridie, the day before perendie, day after tomorrow

Note the following common 5th declension nouns:

aciēs, -eī (f.), keenness, edge, line of battle

faciēs, -eī (f.), shape, form, figure, face

effigiēs, -eī (f.), an image, likeness, effigy

galciēs, -eī (f.), ice

fides, -eī (f.), pledge, trust, faith

spēs, speī (f.), hope

eluviēs, -eī (f.), flowing, discharge, flood

seriēs, -eī (f.), row, chain, series; descent

speciēs, -eī (f.), sight, view; shape, form