

Markings and Mnemonics to Aid in Learning and Reading Latin

This paper presents methods I have used to help students pay attention to word endings and their meanings and uses, to note and expect characteristic word orders, and to learn to recognize units and their relationships.

One method includes highlighting endings in different colors for different cases and verb endings with explanations and mnemonics for why that ending is that color in relationship to its use(s). Different kinds of brackets, parentheses, etc. can be used for different kinds of units, such as prepositional phrases, subordinate clauses, main clauses, etc. Arrows and different kinds of markings can be used to show the relationships between words.

Mnemonics are presented, such as subjects, like speed limits, are given the first time, but then assumed to stay the same. There may be periodic confirmations, with notes about the characteristic word order for such. I also have songs for declension case endings and genders, and for verb endings and tenses.