

## Endings (and Middles!): a new reference tool for struggling Latin students

Latin students must memorize scores of endings for verbs, nouns, pronouns, and adjectives. Usually these forms are presented in charts such as those found in *501 Latin Verbs* or in various sections on morphology in the reference grammars of Allen and Greenough or Gildersleeve and Lodge. Such charts are immensely helpful in the deductive approach to teaching Latin. However, paradigms can be of limited helpfulness when a student runs across difficult words or challenging passages in various Latin authors. Of course, the first step in identifying a confusing form is knowing what the options are. My recently published book, *Endings (and Middles!)*, is a sort of dictionary of Latin terminations that a student can use (1) to identify morphology and (2) to “reverse engineer” the dictionary entries of confusing oblique forms so that these can be looked up. Besides serving as a reference manual, *Endings (and Middles!)* could be (preemptively) browsed by students who would be made aware of various forms that could be confused. In my paper I plan to show how these and other features of the book work and to share some experiences that student-testers have had using the book. A preview edition was distributed beginning in late June 2009, and the first edition, which will incorporate the suggestions of the student-testers, is scheduled to be published in November 2009. Sample pages of the preview edition can be viewed at [PrelumPress.com](http://PrelumPress.com).