

The Fifth Declension

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

	Singular	Plural
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: *constitutā 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*

glaciēs, -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*