

Exercise B3.2: Nouns and adjectives: agreement and the ablative case

This exercise uses nouns and adjectives from the vocabulary lists for Chapters 1, 2 and 3.

Here are the ablative case endings. Remember that in the 3rd declension, **nouns** will use **-e** as their ablative sg ending and **adjectives** will use **-ī**.

	1st declension	2nd declension	3rd declension
ablative sg	-ā	-ō	-e / -ī
ablative pl	-īs	-īs	-ibus

Each of the adjectives in the table below is a 2-1-2 adjective. This means that each adjective will need a 2nd declension case ending if it describes a masculine noun, it will need a 1st declension case ending if it describes a feminine noun, and it will need a 2nd declension case ending if it describes a neuter noun. The gender of each noun may not be obvious from its meaning and you may need to look it up.

The following nouns are all in the ablative case. Identify the gender and number of each noun; then make each 2-1-2 adjective agree with its ablative noun. Translate the noun and adjective phrase.

	noun	gender	number	adjective	translation
e.g.	filiā	<i>feminine</i>	<i>sg</i>	bon-ā	<i>good daughter</i>
1	montibus			magn-	
2	maribus			mal-	
3	flūmine			Graec-	
4	filiō			īrāt-	
5	uxōre			saev-	
6	deā			pulchr-	
7	gladiīs			magn-	
8	bellō			bon-	
9	hominibus			mult-	
10	feminā			mal-	

In the table below, each of the adjectives is a 3rd declension adjective. This means that it will use 3rd declension endings whatever the gender of the noun it describes. Remember that in the 3rd declension, **nouns** will use **-e** as their ablative singular ending and **adjectives** will use **-ī**.

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e.g.	flūminibus	<i>neuter</i>	<i>plural</i>	ingent-ibus	<i>huge rivers</i>
1	fēminā			fēlic-	
2	bellō			facil-	
3	homine			fēlic-	
4	bellīs			difficil-	
5	uxōre			fort-	
6	patre			audāc-	
7	caelō			ingent-	
8	deīs			fort-	
9	equīs			audāc-	
10	montibus			ingent-	