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Ch. 2 Grammar: First Declension Nouns

What is a **noun**:

Characteristics of a noun:

1. Case
2. Number
3. Gender

Cases:

1. Nominative:

2. Genitive:

3. Dative:

4. Accusative:

5. Ablative:

6: Vocative

**Declensions**: nouns are divided into 5 groups, called Declensions

The First Declension nouns are recognizable by their Dictionary Entry. The Nominative will end in "a" and the Genitive will end in "ae." Most First Declension nouns are **Feminine**. The exceptions are those nouns that were male occupations (currently we know 2: nauta and poeta).

**Declining Nouns:** to decline nouns, you add case endings to the base.

The **base** is the Genitive, Singular without its ending.

E.g. porta, portae, f., gate: base= port

**First Declension Noun Endings:**

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|  | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| **Nominative** |  |  |
| **Genitive** |  |  |
| **Dative** |  |  |
| **Accusative** |  |  |
| **Ablative** |  |  |
| **Vocative** |  |  |

**Practice:** decline the noun vita, vitae, f.: life

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