

Capitulum XI - Corpus Humanum

Neuter Nouns - Third Declension

The Third Declension contains many neuter nouns. They all follow the Great Neuter Rule (*i.e.*, the nominative and accusative will be the same and in the plural end in *-a*).

Neuters of the Third Declension show varied endings in the nominative singular ending, which must be learned by observation. Here are four common patterns:

Nom.	corpus	corpora	flūmen	flūmina
Gen.	corporis	corporum	flūminis	flūminum
Dat.	corporī	corporibus	flūminī	flūminibus
Acc.	corpus	corpora	flūmen	flūmina
Abl.	corpore	corporibus	flūmine	flūminibus
Nom.	mare	maria	animal	animalia
Gen.	maris	marium	animalis	animalium
Dat.	marī	maribus	animalī	animalibus
Acc.	mare	maria	animal	animalia
Abl.	marī	maribus	animalī	animalibus

Here are the Neuters of the Third Declension introduced in this chapter:

corpus, -oris <i>n</i> body	crūs, crūris <i>n</i> leg
caput, -itis <i>n</i> head	ōs, oris <i>n</i> mouth; face
pectus, -oris <i>n</i> chest, breast	cor, cordis <i>n</i> heart
iecur, -oris <i>n</i> liver	viscera, -um <i>npl</i> entrails

Ablative of Respect

The ablative is used to denote in what respect something is true. This ablative appears in two sentences in this chapter.

Nec modo pede, sed etiam capite aeger est. He is sick with respect to not only his foot, but also his head.

Iam filius noster nōn modo pede, sed etiam brachiō aeger est. Now our son is sick not only with respect to his foot, but also with respect to his arm.

The ablative of respect has wide usage in different contexts. Here are some examples:

Mercatōrēs sunt paucī numerō. The merchants are few in number.
Rex nomine est. He is king in name (only).
Mārcus fratrem suum virtūte superat. Marcus surpasses his brother in valor.
Aemilia pulchra est formā. Aemilia is beautiful in shape (has a beautiful shape).

Indirect Speech (*Ōrātiō oblīqua*)

Indirect Speech is reinforced in this chapter with many examples. Here are a few of them:

Dicit linguam eius rubram esse. He says that his tongue is red.
Syra eum mortuum esse putat. Syra thinks that he is dead.
Māter filium vīvum esse videt. The mother sees that her son is alive.
Iūlius et Aemilia eum stultum esse putant. Julius and Aemilia think that he is stupid.

Third Declension Nouns

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auris, auris <i>f</i> ear	frōns, -ntis <i>f</i> forehead
sanguis, -inis <i>m</i> blood	color, -ōris <i>m</i> color
venter, -tris <i>m</i> stomach	

Vocabulary

manus, -ūs *f* hand (a fourth declension noun)
culter, -trī *m* knife
ruber, -ra, -rum, red
aeger, -ra, -rum, sick
noster, -ra, -rum, our, ours
bene *adv* well
male *adv* badly, poorly
modo *adv* only
nec = *neque*