

# It's All Greek (and Latin) to Me

1. What is Latin? Who spoke it originally?

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2. How did Latin come to Britain? Give two ways.

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3. When did direct Roman rule of Britain end? Why?

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4. Who were the Hellenes?

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5. What did the Romans borrow from the Greeks?

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6. How did the word 'chemistry' end up in the English language?

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7. Where does the word 'telescope' come from?

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8. Who invented the word 'dinosaur'? What does it mean?

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9. Where does our month of July get its name?

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10. 'It's all Greek to me' is an English idiom or well-known saying. When might you use it?

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**Extension:**

Research a particular dinosaur and find out where its name comes from and what it means. Normally the name describes the animal itself. Is this true of the example you picked? Does it use Greek or Latin words or a mixture of both?

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Look into the origins of one of the words that has come to us from classical mythology. You might pick hypnotise, chronometer, labyrinth, odyssey, titanic, psychology or choose something of your own. What mythological creature does the word relate to? How does the use of the word now relate to that character's story?

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