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You must know the **NOMINATIVE AND GENITIVE SINGULAR TO DETERMINE THE DECLENSION OF A NOUN**

	1 ST Declension	2 nd Declension Masculine	2 nd Declension Neuter
NOM.	-a	-us, -er, -ir	-um
GEN.	-ae	-i	-i

When you learn new nouns you should learn the following about each word.

- the meaning
- the spelling of nominative
- the spelling of the genitive
- the gender

Example:

If you are given the word `ager, agri, m.`

You should memorize the following about it.

- meaning-field
- spelling of nominative `a-g-e-r`
- spelling of genitive `a-g-r-i`
- gender is masculine

2nd Declension Chart

Masculine

	singular	plural
nom.	-us, -er, -ir	-i
gen.	-i	-orum
dat.	-o	-is
acc.	-um	-os
abl	-o	-is

2nd Declension Chart

Neuter

	singular	plural
nom.	-um	-a
gen.	-i	-orum
dat.	-o	-is
acc.	-um	-a
abl	-o	-is

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GEN.	-ae	-i	-i	-is

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The genitive singular form is also important because it is the form you use to get the BASE of the noun. To get the base you drop the GENITIVE SINGULAR ENDING

The following are nouns from different declensions. Next to each are the bases.

puella, puellae - the base is *puell---* because you drop the *ae* from the genitive
ager, agri - the base is *agr---* because you drop the *i* from the genitive
puer, pueri - the base is *puer---* because you drop the *i* from the genitive
vir, viri - the base is *vir---* because you drop the *i* from the genitive
dux, ducis - the base is *duc---* because you drop the *is* from the genitive

Study this information. It is important to know.

1st Declension Chart

	singular	plural
nom.	-a	-ae
gen.	-ae	-arum
dat.	-ae	-is
acc.	-am	-as
abl	-ā	-is

ALL 1ST DECLENSION NOUNS WE WILL LEARN THIS YEAR ARE FEMININE EXCEPT agricola, nauta, and poeta. These nouns are masculine, but 1st declension

2nd Declension Chart

Masculine

	singular	plural
nom.	-us, -er, -ir	-i
gen.	-i	-orum
dat.	-o	-is
acc.	-um	-os
abl	-o	-is

2nd Declension Chart

Neuter

	singular	plural
nom.	-um	-a
gen.	-i	-orum
dat.	-o	-is
acc.	-um	-a
abl	-o	-is