

Grammar and Latin recommendations

Grammar

We recommend KISS Grammar, free to use. We also know that the website can be very confusing, so we offer these suggestions if you are new to KISS Grammar:

- 1) Start by reading the Home Page, and scroll down to **What KISS Is – And What It Is Not**
- 2) Next read [The Primary KISS Difference – A Grammar with a Goal](#) (linked from the home page as The KISS Difference)
- 3) Finally, decide whether you want to use the Ideal Sequence (more of a traditional organization, but only completed to Book 3) or the Graded Workbooks. <https://www.kissgrammar.org/index.htm>

For the Ideal Sequence, download Book 1:

[More Information on Ideal Sequence](#)

Download Book 1, both the Students' Workbooks and Teacher's Guide

For the [Graded Workbooks](#), download Level 1, either Grade 3 or 6. They differ only in vocabulary of the sentences; preview to see which is more appropriate for your child. Download both the doc file and AK file for whichever 'grade level' you choose.

Work at your child's pace, not moving on to the next exercise until she has fully mastered the current one. From the website: "In most cases, it is very important that the students master the ability to identify one construction (automatically and in randomly selected sentences) before they add others."

If your student needs more practice, it is desirable to choose sentences from books you are currently reading to practice with. Even if he doesn't need more practice, using sentences from your current books ties beautifully in with

dictation and “preparing a page.” Do not worry if you don’t get through all of Level 1 this year. If you do finish, simply move to Level 2 at step 3 above.

Now that you (hopefully) won’t get lost, continue exploring the site.

Latin

The resources the PNEU used to teach Latin at beginners level are still available today. Parents with some knowledge of Latin could thus follow along their programmes (103-108).

In the first year, students would use [A First Latin Course by E.H. Scott](#)

[First Latin Course by William Smith](#) was the second year workbook

Per term, students would read, translate and then narrate 11-12 sections of these books, conjugate 1-3 verbs, work on vocabs, and decline 1-3 nouns. Exams consisted of writing the Imperfect Indicative Active of three roots, and translating and narration.

However, if you’ll be learning Latin alongside your children and have no prior knowledge of it, modern methods have the advantage of offering multiple free online resources and many helpful supplemental materials.

We recommend using *Lingua Latina Per Se Illustrata* by Hans H. Ørberg. This natural or direct method of language acquisition allows students to quickly read and think in Latin. It is suitable for all ages, from Form II upwards. The reading of the Latin texts is also an enjoyable way to learn more about the lives and culture of the ancient romans as well as European geography.

Don’t know how to go about this? First, start by getting familiar with the method by reading up on it:

[LINGVA LATINA background](#)

<https://lingualatina.dk/wp/about/>

Next you will have to buy the first book *Pars I Familia Romana* (on amazon or through the Hackett Publishing Company).

A Latin dictionary might also be helpful, or the Latin-to-English glossary that goes with the workbook ([can be found online](#)).

To help you learn ahead of your children or to enrich your lessons chapter by chapter, we recommend these helpful websites:

[Teach and Learn Latin](#) (note: as of 4/2018, the site seems to be down. You can access through the [Wayback Machine](#))

[LINGVA LATINA introduction](#)

Keep in mind that learning Latin is a slow and challenging exercise. Stick with it, keep reading and translating! You will soon find joy in this process.

While Lingua Latina is our top choice, other options that members have used and liked include

Getting Started with Latin

Latin via Ovid

Lively Latin