

## *Mnemonic Madness!*

These silly sentences will help you remember the endings for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> declension Latin nouns.

You'll notice that the word endings highlighted correspond to the endings in the 5 primary Latin Cases. They occur in the order in which we decline them on tests and in the grammatical context appropriate to the case. For instance, take the sentence for the 1<sup>st</sup> declension singular:

<u>subject</u>	<u>possession</u>	<u>indirect obj.</u>	<u>direct obj.</u>	<u>obj. of preposition</u>
Maria,	queen of reggae,	gave Fannie Mae	some jam	for her banana.
nom: -a,	gen: -ae,	dat: -ae,	acc: -am,	abl: -ā

So, here are the sentences:

1<sup>st</sup> declension:

*Singular:* Maria, queen of reggae, gave Fannie Mae some jam for her banana.

*Plural:* Fannie Mae, fond of ā rum, gave the Israelīs some bananās from the delīs.

2<sup>nd</sup> declension:

*Singular:* Gus and Peter, friends of Luigī, gave Mariō some gum for his burritō.

*Plural:* He and Ī, kings of the quōrum, gave the Israelīs some burritōs from the delīs.

3<sup>rd</sup> declension:

*Singular:* The **Black Hole Gang\***, friends of Beavis, gave Bambī a gem from Chile.

\* (The 3<sup>rd</sup> decl. nom. sg. is the "black hole of endings")

*Plural:* The Apachēs, masters of the drum, gave the minibus some tamalēs from the omnibus.

## *Noun Endings Summary*

1<sup>st</sup> declension:

	sg.	pl.
N	-a	-ae
G	-ae	-ārum
D	-ae	-īs
Ac	-am	-ās
Ab	-ā	-īs

2<sup>nd</sup> declension:

	sg.	pl.
N	-us	-ī
G	-ī	-ōrum
D	-ō	-īs
Ac	-um	-ōs
Ab	-ō	-īs

3<sup>rd</sup> declension:

	sg.	pl.
N	☺	-ēs
G	-is	-um
D	-ī	-ibus
Ac	-em	-ēs
Ab	-e	-ibus