

Latin first declension

Learn the forms of puella (girl). Reference, practice, and answer key.

1. Read the forms. The line above a vowel marks vowel length.

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	puella	puellae
Genitive	puellae	puellārum
Dative	puellae	puellīs
Accusative	puellam	puellās
Ablative	puellā	puellīs
Vocative	puella	puellae

2. Cover the table. Fill in the missing forms from memory.

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	_____	_____
Genitive	_____	_____
Dative	_____	_____
Accusative	_____	_____
Ablative	_____	_____
Vocative	_____	_____

Check your work against the reference table. Keep the long-vowel marks.

Use the case and number

Recall practice for the first-declension noun *puella*.

3. Write the form for each prompt.

1. Accusative singular _____
2. Genitive plural _____
3. Dative plural _____
4. Ablative singular _____
5. Nominative plural _____
6. Vocative singular _____

4. Why is *puellae* ambiguous when it appears by itself?

ANSWER KEY

3. 1 *puellam*; 2 *puellārum*; 3 *puellīs*; 4 *puellā*; 5 *puellae*; 6 *puella*.

4. It can be genitive or dative singular, or nominative or vocative plural.

A sentence supplies the context needed to choose among these forms.

Source: Word Radicals, Study > Latin > Noun System > *puella*.

This model does not cover every Latin noun or every use of a case.
