



## GRASP THE GRAMMAR

Have another look at the picture story, where you met Flavius and his family. In the Latin sentences you met a number of **nouns**. A noun is a naming word, like **mūs** (a mouse), **fēlēs** (a cat), **māter** (a mother), and the name **Flāvia**.

- 1 Using the Latin word for "I am", introduce yourself to a partner. Try to make your name sound like a Latin name. Add **-us** to your name if you are a boy and add **-a** if you are a girl. So Marc will be **Marcus**, and Helen will be **Helena**.
- 2 Ask your partner his or her name by asking the Latin question which means "Who are you?"

N.B. (This is short for a Latin phrase – **nōtā bene** – which means "note well".) The men and boys have names ending in **-us**, for example Flavius and Corinthus. The women and girls have names ending in **-a**, for example Flavia and Lepidina.



### ROMAN REPORT

Flavius, the father of our family, is in charge of the Roman fort at Vindolanda. He and his family lived there in about AD 97–102.

When you come across dates in history, it is important to check whether they refer to a time BC (before Christ) or AD (after Christ). AD is short for another Latin phrase, **annō dominī**, which means "in the year of our Lord".

55 and  
54 BC



Julius Caesar, a Roman general, brings his army to Britain but doesn't stay long.

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Christ is born in the Roman province of Palestine.

AD 43



The Roman Emperor Claudius invades Britain and conquers it.

AD 66



Celtic queen Boudicca rebels, burns London, but is defeated.

AD 100



Flavius and his family live at Vindolanda.

AD 122



The Emperor Hadrian builds a wall across northern Britain.