

- 2 These sentences describe animals. The animal names are nouns. Each sentence has one noun and one adjective. Can you translate them into English?

 a vēs pa parva est.	 b bālaena maxima est.	 c cunīculus improbus est.
 d delphīnus benignus est.	 e equus māgnus est.	 f porcus sordidus est.

Every sentence also contains the important word *est*. Do you remember what it means?



WORDS TO HELP

vēspa wasp

parva small

bālaena whale

maxima very big

cunīculus rabbit

improbus naughty

delphīnus dolphin

benignus friendly

māgnus big

porcus pig



How did you do? If you got most of them right, you are **callidissima** (if you're a girl) or **callidissimus** (if you're a boy). It means "very clever"!

- 3 Describe yourself to a partner. Remember, the adjective you use must have the right ending: **-us** for a boy, and **-a** for a girl. You'll need the Latin word **sum** ("I am") too. Now describe your partner, or perhaps your teacher. Use the word **est** for "he is" or "she is".



WORDS TO HELP

bonus/bona good

callidus/callida clever

fōrmōsus/fōrmōsa beautiful

ignāvus/ignāva lazy

improbus/improba naughty

māgnus/māgna big

minimus/minima very small

optimus/optima very good

parvus/parva small

strēnuus/strēnua energetic



Now you see how I got my name. If I were a girl mouse, I would be called Minima!

