

# LATIN EXPRESSIONS

- **Ad finem:** to the end
- **Ad hoc:** with respect to this
- **Ad infinitum:** to infinity
- **Ad nauseum:** to the point of nausea
- **Ad valorem:** according to the value
- **Ars longa, vita brevis:** art is long, life is short
- **Bona fide:** (in) good health
- **Carpe diem:** enjoy the present (“seize the day”)
- **Caveat emptor:** let the buyer beware
- **Circa (ca.):** about
- **Cogito, ergo sum:** I think; therefore I am
- **De gustibus no best disputandum:** there is no disputing about taste
- **Deus ex machina:** god from a machine
- **Dies frae:** day of wrath
- **Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori:** it is sweet and glorious to die for one’s country
- **Dum spiro, spero:** while I breathe, I hope
- **Fiat lux:** let there be light
- **Hic et ubique:** here and everywhere
- **In toto:** in the whole
- **In vino veritas:** in wine there is truth
- **Mea culpa:** my fault
- **Non compos mentis:** not of sound mind
- **Nota bene:** note well
- **Omnia vincit amor:** love conquers all
- **Persona non grata:** an unacceptable person
- **Pro bono publico:** for the good of the public
- **Rara avis:** rare bird; a paragon
- **Sac transit Gloria mundi:** thus passes away the glory of the world
- **Sine qua non:** without which not (nothing)
- **Status quo:** the existing condition
- **Sub rosa:** confidentially (under the rose)
- **Terra firma:** solid earth