



**Homonyms** are the words that are written in the same way but have different meaning.

Os: Bone, Osis

Os: Mouth, Oris

**Metonymies** are metaphorical words.

**Atlas:** The name of God who is believed to carry the world on his shoulders=  
Vertebra cervicalis I

**Bulbus:** Bulb = Bulbus oculi

**Iris:** God of Rainbow = The round coloured part of the eye, that surrounds the black pupil.



**Synonyms**, a word with the same meaning as another word in the same language.

**Albus, leuko:** White

**Cor, cardia:** Heart

**Fel, bilis, chole:** Bile

**Gaster, ventriculus, stomach:** stomach

**Griseus, polio:** Gray

**Jugulo, cervix, collum:** Neck

**Lingua, glossa:** Tongue

**Luteus, xantho:** Yellow

**Nigra, melano:** Black

**Palpebra, blepharon:** Eye lid

**Ren, nephros:** Kidney

**Ruber, erythro:** Red

**Testis, orchis:** Male genital gland



**Eponyms;** An eponym is a person, place, or thing after whom or after which something is named, or believed to be named (disease, finding, test, operations, etc).

\* **Achilles:** mythological name in Ancient Greek

**Tendo Achilles:** (Tendo calcaneus communis)

\* **Corti, A.:** (1822-1876) Italian anatomist

**Corti organ** (=Organum spirale) An organ in the inner ear that senses sound.

\* **Eustachio, B.:** (1520-1574) Italian doctor

**Eustachi tube** (=Tuba auditiva) Tube for air passage between middle ear and pharynx.

\* **Keith, J. A.:** (1866-1955) British anatomist

**Flack, M. F.:** (1882-1931) British physiologist

**Keith-Flack's node** (=Nodus sinuatrialis)



It is widely used in adjectives describing the characteristics of names in anatomy.

➤ Number adjectives;

➤ **Primus**: first

➤ **Secundus**: second

➤ **Tertius**: third

➤ **Quartus**: fourth

➤ **Quintus**: fifth

➤ **Sextus**: sixth

**Septimus**: seventh

**Octavus**: eighth

**Nonus**: ninth

**Decimus**: tenth

**Undecimus**: eleventh

**Duodecimus**: twelfth

Vicesimus: twentieth

Nonagesimus: ninetieth

Tricesimus: thirtieth

Centesimus: hundredth



Qualitative adjectives have three degrees:  
a. Positive, b. Comparative, c. Superlative

Positive

➤ Longus: long

➤ Latus: large

➤ Superus: higher

➤ Magnus: big

➤ Parvus: small

Comparative

Longior: longer

Latior: larger

Superior: upper

Major: bigger

Minor: smaller

Superlative

Longissimus: longest

Latissimus: largest

Supremus: highest

Maximus: biggest

Minimus: smallest



# Plural forms of the singular words

is → es

| <u>Singular</u> | <u>Plural</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| ▶ Anastomosis   | Anastomoses   |
| ▶ Epiphysis     | Epiphyses     |
| ▶ Canalis       | Canales       |
| ▶ Unguis        | ungues        |
| ▶ Synchondrosis | Synchondroses |

# Plural forms of the singular words

um → a

## Singular

- ▶ Bacteri**um**
- ▶ Ov**um**
- ▶ Liagament**um**
- ▶ Osti**um**
- ▶ Atri**um**

## Plural

- Bacteri**a**
- Ova
- Ligament**a**
- Osti**a**
- Atri**a**

# Plural forms of the singular words

US → i

## Singular

- ▶ Nerv**us**
- ▶ Nucle**us**
- ▶ Bronch**us**
- ▶ Trunc**us**
- ▶ Muscul**us**

## Plural

- Nervi
- Nuclei
- Bronchi
- Trunci
- Musculi



# Exception

US → es

## Singular

▶ Virus

▶ Sinus

## Plural

Virus**es**

Sinus**es**



When the word ends with "a", the word "e" is added after "a".

Singular

- ▶ Vertebra**a**
- ▶ Arteria**a**
- ▶ Vena**a**
- ▶ Glandula**a**
- ▶ Columna**a**

Plural

- Vertebra**ae**
- Arteria**ae**
- Vena**ae**
- Glandula**ae**
- Columna**ae**



# Plural forms of the singular words ix/ex → ices

## Singular

- ▶ Apex
- ▶ Cervix
- ▶ Fornix
- ▶ Radix

## Plural

- Apices
- Cervices
- Fornices
- Radices



# Plural forms of the singular words

on → a

## Singular

- ▶ Ganglion
- ▶ Spermatozoon
- ▶ Protozoon

## Plural

Ganglia  
Spermatozoa  
Protozoa