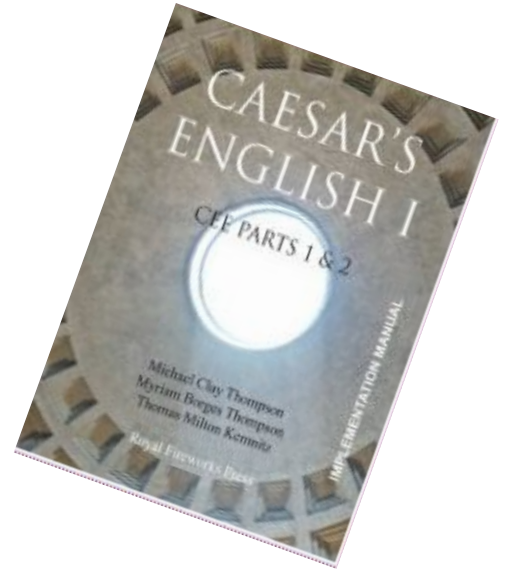




Caesar's English I

A Word Study Program



What is Caesar's English?

It is a word study program and **SO** much more!

Would you like to learn more about...

- Ancient Rome?
- Julius Caesar?
- Latin, the language of the ancient Romans?

This program lets you experience all of these!

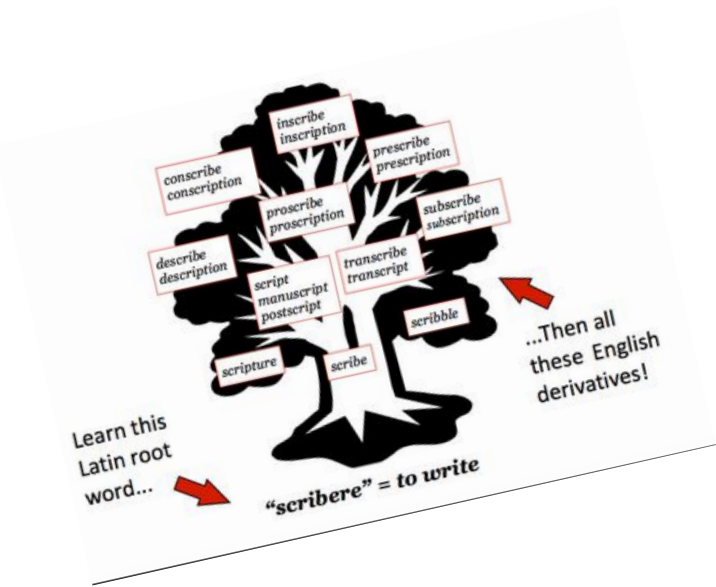
The Caesar's English program let's you experience Ancient Rome Through...

- Photos
- Maps
- Facts
- Ideas
- Poems
- Writing challenges



A statue of Julius Caesar

We will spend a great deal of time looking closely at the ancient Roman civilization and the effect of that civilization on the modern English language.



- Without realizing it, we speak Latin, or slightly altered Latin, all the time.
- Thousands of English words are still spelled the same way and still mean the same thing that they did during the Roman empire, two thousand years ago.

For example: **agenda** is plural for the latin word agendum which means something to be done.

- Unlike other **ROMAN**ce languages, English does not come directly from Latin, the language the Romans spoke. English is a Germanic Language (a European language family that includes English, German, Dutch, and others).
- However, during the sixteen centuries since Rome fell, English has acquired thousands of Latin-based words--so many that words from Latin have come to dominate academic life in English.
- The further you progress in Education, the more Latin-based words you will acquire.

- For this reason, it is important to study the Latin prefixes, roots, and suffixes-we call them **stems**-that combine to make the vocabularies of advanced academic subjects.
- As we plunge into this program, we will examine many facets of ancient Roman civilization-not just words.
- Be on the lookout for photos, maps, connections between Rome and other romance languages, such as Spanish.



Ancient Rome: Building Background



Once upon a time...far, far away...

Long ago, far from our New World, a great civilization lived and died. Throughout the ancient world, they built roads, made laws, and wrote literature.

Today, most of their buildings have crumbled to ruins, but echoes of their words still reverberate because the English language (and others, such as Spanish) is filled with fragments of their language, Latin.

The vanished civilization was Rome, in Italy, and Rome rose to power more than 2,000 years ago, which is more than twenty centuries.

Map of the Ancient Roman Empire



Pictures of Ancient Rome





Case in Point...

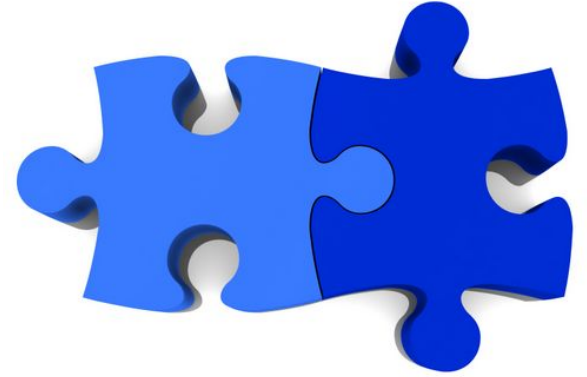


What do these pictures have to do with Latin?

Can you
guess?



What are the pieces of the puzzle?



That's right! *Ornithoscatoides decipiens* is the name of this (creepy) creature. If you have heard words that have Latin roots before, you might notice that these have a Latin "ring" to them. Let's do some investigating to see if we can solve this word puzzle...literally speaking!

Remove to reveal the answer!

Fun Fact: This creature had its name changed...it is now called a *Phrynarachne decipiens*.

Now let's put the pieces together!

Literally, the name of this creature means...bird-poop mislead...

Huh???



Actually, this creature is called “the bird-dropping spider”. It is a species of tropical crab spider from Malaysia, Sumatra and Java. It mimics a bird dropping in its appearance and the way it behaves.

Is this starting to make sense now?

That's why Caesar's English is pretty cool!

- Latin stems make a kind of academic vocabulary construction set, and once you understand the set, you understand thousands of words easily.

Are you interested in learning more? Me too!