

HORACE LEGAMUS BASIC VOCABULARY

Words on this list are words that appear frequently in Horace, specifically in his *Satires* and *Odes*, his most commonly read works. The list has been compiled primarily using the word frequency list on the Perseus website supplemented occasionally by Domenicus Bo, *Lexicon Horatianum*, Volumes I and II (Hildesheim 1965, 1966) with additions made of words that are very basic to Latin but that may not appear with high frequency in Horace's poems.

Words on this list are not glossed for the individual poems. Words not appearing on this list will be given opposite the text of a poem (or excerpt from a poem) or in conjunction with an exercise as items in a "Word-bank."

A

ā/ab prep. with abl. from, by
absum, abesse, āfuī, āfutūrus to be away, be absent
ad prep. with acc. to, towards, near
adsum, adesse, adfuī, adfutūrus to be present, be at hand;
(w. dative), assist, stand by
aequor, aequoris, n. a flat level surface, the flat surface of
the sea, (often used in pl.)
alius, -a, -ud other, another
alter, altera, alterum other of two, the one, the other,
another
altum, -ī, n. the deep, sea; high place
altus, -a, -um high, deep, tall
amīcus, -ī, m. friend
amō, -āre to love
amor, amōris, m. love
annus, -ī, m. year
aqua, -ae, f. water, body of water
āter, ātra, ātrum black, dark, gloomy
atque conj. and also; after comparatives, than
audiō, -īre, -īvī, -ītum to hear
aura, -ae, f. breeze
aut conj., or; **aut . . . aut**, either . . . or

B

beātus, -a, -um happy, fortunate
bene adv. well
bonus, -a, -um good

C

Caesar, Caesaris, m. Caesar; Octavian (later Augustus)
carmen, carminis, n. solemn or ritual utterance, song,
poem, lyric poetry
cāsus, -ūs, m. fall, event, misfortune, chance
circum prep. with acc., around, all around
clārus, -a, -um famous, clear, bright
coma, -ae, f. hair
corpus, corporis, n. body
crēdō, -ere, -didī, -ditum to believe, trust, with dat.
cum prep. with abl., with; conj. when, since, although

D

dē prep. with abl., about, (down) from
deus, -ī, m. god; **dī**, alternate form of **deī**, nom. pl.; **dīs**,
alternate form of **deīs**, dat. and abl. pl.
dīcō, -ere, dixī, dictum, to say, tell, call, speak
diēs, diēī, m., (f.) day
dō, dare, dedī, datum to give
doceō, -ēre, docuī, doctum to teach
doctus, -a, -um learned, taught
dōnec conj., as long as; until
dulcis, -e sweet; (of persons) dear, beloved
dum conj., while, as long as, provided that, if only, until

E

ē/ex prep. with abl., out of, from
ego, meī mihi/mī, mē, mē pron. I, me
eō, īre, īvī/īī, itum go
et conj., and, even; **et . . . et**, both . . . and

F

faciō, -ere, fēcī, factum to do, make
factum, -ī, n. deed, act
fāma, -ae, f. reputation, fame, rumor
fātum, -ī, n. fate; pl. the Fates
ferō, ferre, tulī, lātum to bring
fidēs, fidēī, f. trust, belief, faith, honesty, honor
fīlius, -iī, m. son
fīnis, fīnis, m. boundary, limit, end
fortis, -e brave, strong
fugiō, -ere, fūgī, fugitum to flee, flee from, avoid

G

grātus, -a, -um pleasing
gravis, -e heavy, weighty, serious

H

habeō, -ēre, habuī, habitum to have
hic, haec, hoc pron. and adj., this
homō, hominis, m./f. human being, person, man
honōs, honōris, m. honor

I

iam adv. already, now
īdem, eadem, idem pron. and adj. same, the same, likewise
ignis, ignis, m. fire
ille, illa, illud pron. and adj. that; that one; he/she/it
in prep. with abl. in, on; prep. with acc., into, onto, against, over
invidēō, -ēre, invīdī, invīsum to envy, begrudge, refuse, with dat.
ipse, ipsa, ipsum pron. and adj. self, him/her/itself
is, ea, id pron. and adj. this, that; he/she/it
iubeō, -ēre, iussī, iussum to order
Iuppiter, Iovis, m. Jupiter, supreme god of the Romans, god of sky and weather
iūs, iūris, n. right
iuvenis, iuvenis, m. (f.) young man, young woman, youth

L

labōrō, -āre to work, suffer, labor
lēnis, -e smooth, gentle, mild, soft
levis, -e light, fickle, gentle, swift, insubstantial
līber, lībera, līberum free
longus, -a, -um long

M

magis adv. more
magnus, -a, -um big, great, large
maior, maius greater, larger, bigger
male adv. badly, insufficiently, wickedly, scarcely
malus, -a, -um bad, evil
mare, maris, n. sea
māter, mātris, f. mother
melior, melius better
mens, mentis, f. mind
metuō, -uere, metuī, metūtum to fear, be afraid of, be afraid
minimus, -a, -um smallest, least
miser, misera, miserum unhappy, pitiful
mittō, -ere, mīsī, missum to send
modus, -ī, m. limit, way, rhythmic pattern; in pl., poetry
moneō, -ēre, monuī, monitum to warn, advise
morior, morī, mortuus sum die
mors, mortis, f. death
mōs, mōris, m. custom, habit; **mōrēs, mōrum**, m.pl. customs, character
multus, -a, -um much, many, (with sing. noun) large, many
 a

N

nam conj. for, because
nē negative adv. and conj.; not, so that not, that not, not to
nec conj. and not neither; **nec . . . nec**, neither . . . nor
neque conj. and not, neither; **neque . . . neque** neither . . . nor
niger, nigra, nigrum black, dark, gloomy, black as a color of ill omen, evil
nihil/ nīl, indecl. n. nothing
nōmen, nōminis, n. name
nōn adv. not
nōnne adv. surely not (in question expecting answer “yes”)
noster, nostra, nostrum our
nox, noctis, f. night
numerus, -ī, m. number
nunc adv. now

O

Ō interj. with voc., O
ōlim adv. at some time, once, formerly, on some occasion
omnis, -e all, every
optimus, -a, -um best

P

parens, parentis, m./f. parent
parō, -āre to prepare, acquire
pars, partis, f. part, party; stage role (usually in pl.)
parvus, -a, -um small
pater, patris, m. father
patior, patī, passus sum to suffer, undergo, experience, endure, allow
pereō, -īre, periī, peritum to perish, die
petō, -ere, -īvī, -ītum to seek, go after; ask
plūs, plūris, n. more; **plūrēs, plūra**, pl. adj., more
populus, -ī, m. people, public, multitude, crowd
portō, -āre to carry, bring
possum, posse, potuī to be able, can
post prep. with acc. behind, after
potens, potentis able, powerful, potent
prīmus, -a, -um first
prō prep. with abl. for, on behalf of, in front of
puella, -ae, f. girl, young woman, girlfriend
puer, -ī, m. boy, non-adult male, male beloved, (young) male slave

Q

quaerō, -ere, quaesīvī, quaesītum to look for, seek, ask, acquire, earn
quam interr. and rel. adv. how; with the superlative, as . . . as possible; after a comparative, than

quamquam conj. although
-que enclitic conj. and
quī, quae, quod rel. pron. who, which, that; interr. adj., what, which
quī, quae/qua, quod indef. pron., anyone/anything
quicumque, quaecumque, quodcumque indef. pron., whoever, whichever, whatever
quid adv. why
quidem adv. indeed
quis, quid interr. pron. who, what; indef. pron., anyone, anything, someone, something
quisquam, quicumque pron. anyone, anything
quisque, quaeque, quidque pron., each, every, everything, whoever/whatever it be
quisquis, quidquid (or **quicquid**) pron. and adj. whoever, whatever
quod conj. that, the fact that
quoque adv. also

R

rectus, -a, -um straight, right, correct, proper
reddō, -ere, reddidī, redditum to give back, return. deliver
redeō, -īre, -iī, -itum to go back, return, come back
referō, referre, rettulī, relātum to bring back
rēgīna, -ae, f. queen
regō, -ere, rexī, rectum to guide, direct, rule
rēs, reī, f. thing, situation, affair, property, legal matter
rex, rēgis, m. king
rīsus, -ūs, m. laughter
Rōmānus, -a, -um Roman

S

sacer, sacra, sacrum sacred, holy
saepe adv. often
saevus, -a, -um cruel, savage
sānus, -a, -um sane, rational, sober
sapiens, sapientis, m. wise man, philosopher
sapiō, -ere, -īvī, -ī to have taste, be wise
satis, n. indecl. noun, enough
scrībō, -ere, scripsī, scriptum to write
secundus, -a, -um favorable, following, second
sed conj. but
semper adv. always
sequor, sequī, secūtus sum to follow, pursue
servō, -āre to preserve, keep
servus, -ī, m. slave
seu conj. or if, **seu . . . seu** whether . . . or
sī conj. if
sīc adv. thus, in this way, so
simul conj. as soon as (also with **atque/ac**); adv. at the same time, together

sine prep. with abl. without
sīve conj. or if; **sīve . . . sīve** whether . . . or
stō, stare, stetī, statum to stand
sub prep. with acc. or abl. under, below
sum, esse, fuī, futūrus to be
summus, -a, -um highest, topmost, top of
sūmō, -ere, sumpsī, sumptum to take, take on
super prep. with acc. or abl. above
suus, -a, -um his/her/its/their own

T

tempus, temporis, n. time, occasion, proper time, an age or particular period in history, danger
timeō, -ēre, timuī to fear
trēs, tria three
tū, tuī, tibi, tē, tē pron. you (sing.)
tueor, tuērī, tuitus sum to watch over, guard; gaze at
turpis, -e shameful, base, ugly, indecent, filthy, disgraceful
tūtus, -a, -um safe
tuus, -a, -um your (sing.)

U

ultimus, -a, -um last, farthest, extreme
ūnus, -a, -um one, sole
urgeō, -ēre, ursī to push, press upon
ut conj. with indic. as, like, when, considering how; with subj., so that, that, to; interr. adv. how
utī = ut
ūtor, ūtī, ūsus sum with abl., to use, enjoy

V

-ve conj. or
velut adv. as, just as
ventus, -ī, m. wind
venus, veneris, f. love
vērus, -a, -um true, real
vetus, veteris old
videō, -ēre, vīdī, vīsum, -ī to see
vīnum, -ī, n. wine
vir, virī, m. man, husband
virgō, virginis, f. girl of marriageable age, young woman, virgin
virtūs, virtūtis, f. virtue
vīta, -ae, f. life
vitium, iī, n. fault, flaw, defect, vice
vītō, -āre to avoid, shun
vīvō, -ere, vixī, victum to live
volens, volentis willing
volō, velle, voluī to wish, want, be willing
vultus/voltus, -ūs, m. expression, face