

## 4th Declension M & N

The 4th declension has both masculine and neuter nouns. The genitive singular for the 4th declension is US.

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<b>us</b>	<b>us</b>	nominative	<b>u</b>	<b>ua</b>
<b>us</b>	<b>uum</b>	genitive	<b>us</b>	<b>uum</b>
<b>ui</b>	<b>ibus</b>	dative	<b>u</b>	<b>ibus</b>
<b>um</b>	<b>us</b>	accusative	<b>u</b>	<b>ua</b>
<b>u</b>	<b>ibus</b>	ablative	<b>u</b>	<b>ibus</b>

With very few exceptions the 4th declension US nouns are masculine. The nouns that end in U in the 4th declension are neuter. The word domus can cause some problems because it has both 4th and 2nd declension endings. Domus and manus are frequently used and they are feminine.

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<b>passus</b>	<b>passus</b>	<b>cornu</b>	<b>cornua</b>
<b>passus</b>	<b>passuum</b>	<b>cornus</b>	<b>cornuum</b>
<b>passui</b>	<b>passibus</b>	<b>cornu</b>	<b>cornibus</b>
<b>passum</b>	<b>passus</b>	<b>cornu</b>	<b>cornua</b>
<b>passu</b>	<b>passibus</b>	<b>cornu</b>	<b>cornibus</b>

Look at passus and notice the number of times the ending US is used. How will you be able to quickly identify the case? Actually there are key words that will signal the case and placement in the sentence will help. Those lessons will come later.

### Common 4th declension vocabulary:

<b>adventus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>arrival</b>
<b>cornu</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>horn/wing (of an army)</b>
<b>cursus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>course (running)</b>
<b>domus</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>home</b>
<b>exercitus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>army</b>
<b>exitus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>exit/way out</b>
<b>fluctus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>wave</b>
<b>fructus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>fruit</b>
<b>impetus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>attack</b>
<b>manus</b>	<b>f</b>	<b>hand/band of men</b>
<b>metus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>fear/anxiety</b>
<b>versus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>verse</b>
<b>occasus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>sunset/downfall</b>
<b>passus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>pace</b>
<b>portus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>harbor/port</b>
<b>senatus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>senate</b>
<b>usus</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>use/advantage</b>

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