

Latin is not dead – it's immortal!



Upper 4 have been establishing how wrong it is to claim that Latin is a dead language!

Exploring the continuing influence of Latin, and of the Romans who spoke it, on language and ideas, they have discovered some surprising facts about the roots of English and other European languages, and about just how much Latin we still use every day. See how many of their questions you can answer:

1. What is the significance of the red-shaded areas on the map and of the year 117 AD?
2. How many languages can you name which are spoken in these areas and which have Latin roots?
3. What percentage of English words are derived from Latin?
4. Can you explain the meaning of the following words, using the Latin words from which they are derived:
 - extra-terrestrial;
 - pugnacious;
 - ambulance;
 - laboratory.
5. How many of the Latin terms in these common abbreviations do you know?
 - e.g.;
 - A.D.;
 - i.e.;
 - a.m.

See the Upper Four for the answers!

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