

Latin Words and Expressions

Sl. No.	Word or Phrase	Meaning
1	<i>Ab initio</i>	From the very beginning, from the start of something
2.	<i>Ab extra</i>	From outside
3.	<i>Ad idem</i>	In agreement, meeting of the minds by parties
4.	<i>Ad infinitum</i>	To continue forever, without limit
5.	<i>Ad nauseum</i>	Disgusting or ridiculous to the extent of causing nausea (vomiting)
6.	<i>Ad valorem</i>	Proportionate to the value
7.	<i>Alibi</i>	At another place, Elsewhere The fact or state of having been elsewhere at the time
8.	<i>Ambiguitas latens</i>	Latent ambiguity not appearing on instant inspection
9.	<i>Ambiguitas patens</i>	An ambiguity that readily appears on the face of document or instrument
10.	<i>Amicus curiae</i>	A person or organisation that is not a party to the litigation but is permitted by law to advise it (court), friend of the court
11.	<i>Animus possidendi</i>	An intention to possess
12.	<i>Audi alteram partem</i>	Let the other side be heard as well
13.	<i>Bona fide</i>	Real, genuine, sincere, made or carried out in good faith

14.	<i>Mala fide</i>	Dishonest, made or carried out in bad faith
15.	<i>Caveat emptor</i>	Let the buyer beware. The principle that the buyer alone is responsible for checking the quality and suitability of goods before a purchase is made
16.	<i>De facto</i>	Of fact, in reality
17.	<i>De jure</i>	Of law, officially
18.	<i>De novo</i>	Afresh, from the beginning
19.	<i>Ejusdem generis</i>	Of the same kind or nature
20.	<i>Ex gratia</i>	A favour or gift that is not legally necessary
21.	<i>Ex parte</i>	Without the presence or participation of opposite party
22.	<i>Ex post facto</i>	Retroactive, affecting something that has already happened
23.	<i>Fait Accompli</i>	Accomplished and cannot be changed now
24.	<i>Fiat justitia</i>	Let the justice be done though the heavens fall
25.	<i>Inter alia</i>	Amongst other things
26.	<i>In limine</i>	At the outset, on the threshold Such order excludes the challenged evidence and directs the parties not to refer to the excluded matters during trial
27.	<i>Jus ad rem</i>	A right to a thing

28.	<i>Jus in personam</i>	Right against a person
29.	<i>Letter rogatory</i>	Formal request from a court to foreign court for some type of judicial assistance
30.	<i>Locus standi</i>	Right to bring an action, to be heard in court, sufficient connection and harm form the law or action
31.	<i>Modus operandi</i>	Method of operation, particular way of doing something
32.	<i>Mutatis mutandis</i>	Having changed what needs to be changed; once the necessary changes have been made
33.	<i>Nudum pactum</i>	Naked promise, bare promise
34.	<i>Obiter</i>	That which is said in passing; Such statements lack the force of precedent but nevertheless be significant
35.	<i>Onus probandi</i>	Burden of proof, proof of assertion. It includes both the burden of production and persuasion.
36.	<i>Parens patriae</i>	Parent of the nation, legal protector of citizens unable to protect themselves
37.	<i>Pari passu</i>	Side by side, at the same rate, equally, on equal footing
38.	<i>Per incuriam</i>	Through lack of care
39.	<i>Prima facie</i>	At first sight, based on first impression
40.	<i>Pro bono publico</i>	Professional work undertaken voluntarily and without payment

56.	<i>Habeas Corpus</i>	A writ which can be applied for to order a person's release, if he/she has been imprisoned unlawfully. Produce the body (in court)
57.	<i>Estoppel</i>	A rule of law that a person cannot deny something he/she/it previously said, if someone else acted on what was said and their position was changed, possibly for the worse, as a result
58.	<i>Fiduciary</i>	In a position of trust
59.	<i>Mens rea</i>	The intention to commit a crime and also the knowledge that an act is wrong
60.	<i>Per</i>	Through, by
61.	<i>Per pro</i>	On behalf of
62.	<i>Per quod</i>	In accordance, whereby
63.	<i>Per se</i>	In itself, by itself
64.	<i>Pro rata</i>	In proportion
65.	<i>Res ipsa loquitur</i>	Proof is not needed because the facts speak for themselves
66.	<i>Sub judice</i>	Something being dealt with by a court which cannot be discussed outside the court
67.	<i>Sui generis</i>	Something that belongs in a particular category or is the only one of its class
68.	<i>Sui juris</i>	Someone who can enter into a contract without any restriction
69.	<i>Supra</i>	Above

70.	<i>Infra</i>	Below, inside
71.	<i>Terra</i>	Land
72.	<i>Uberrimae fidei</i>	Of the utmost good faith
73.	<i>Writ</i>	an order issued by a court telling someone to do something or not to do something
74.	<i>A fortiori</i>	From stronger argument
75.	<i>Ad litem</i>	As regards the action
76.	<i>Ad referendum</i>	Subject to reference
77.	<i>Erratum</i>	An error in printing or writing
78.	<i>Ex officio</i>	By virtue of holding an office
79.	<i>Ibid</i>	In the same place
80.	<i>Ignorantia juris non excusat</i>	Ignorance of law is not an excuse
81.	<i>In camera</i>	In chamber, in private
82.	<i>In curia</i>	In open court
83.	<i>In re</i>	In the matter of
84.	<i>Ipsa facto</i>	By that very fact or act
85.	<i>Quasi</i>	As if, almost
86.	<i>Res judicata</i>	A matter that has been decided. Judicial pronouncements

87.	<i>Sic</i>	So, thus (Used in brackets after a copied or quoted word that appears odd or erroneous to show that the word is quoted exactly as it stands in the original)
88.	<i>Mandamus</i>	We command, Writ is a command issued to public official, bodies
89.	<i>Quo warranto</i>	By that warrant, Stops usurpation of public office by anyone
90.	<i>Prohibition</i>	Writ by Supreme Court and High Court to lower courts which exceeds to their jurisdiction or acting the rule of natural justice
91.	<i>Suo moto Suo motu</i>	On its own motion
92.	<i>Ad interim</i>	In the meantime, temporarily
93.	<i>Et al, Et alii, Et alia</i>	And others
94.	<i>Et cetera</i>	And other things
95.	<i>Exempli gratia (e.g.)</i>	For the sake of example
96.	<i>In absentia</i>	In absence
97.	<i>In toto</i>	In total, totally
98.	<i>Inter se</i>	Among themselves
99.	<i>Nota bene (NB)</i>	Note well
100.	<i>Per capita</i>	By head, per head

101.	<i>Vice versa</i>	The other way around
102.	<i>Vide</i>	See
103.	<i>Videlicet (viz.)</i>	Namely
104.	<i>Veto</i>	I forbid
105.	<i>Sub modo</i>	Subject to modification
106.	<i>Status quo</i> <i>Status quo ante</i>	The state of affairs that existed previously
107.	<i>Vox populi</i>	The opinions or beliefs of the majority, Voice of the people
108.	<i>Ad infinitum</i>	To infinity, to continue forever
109.	<i>Ex facie</i>	On the face
110.	<i>Per contra</i>	In contrast to, by that against
111.	<i>Pro per</i> <i>Pro se</i>	For himself
112.	<i>Pro tem</i> <i>Pro tempore</i>	Temporary
113.	<i>Id est (i.e.)</i>	That is, in other words
114.	<i>Apropos</i>	Regarding, concerning (used as apropos of)
115.	<i>Jus naturale</i>	Natural justice
116.	<i>Magnum opus</i>	A great work of literature
117.	<i>Nemo dat quod non habet</i>	No one can give a better title than he has
118.	<i>Sciens</i>	Knowingly
119.	<i>Sui generis</i>	Unique

120.	<i>Vervatim</i>	Word by word, exactly
121.	<i>Legum Baccalaureus</i> <i>Juris Doctor</i>	Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
122.	<i>Philosophiae Doctor</i>	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
123.	<i>Ante meridiem (AM)</i>	Before midday
124.	<i>Post meridiwm (PM)</i>	Past midday, after midday
125.	<i>Diem</i>	Day
126.	<i>Mensem</i>	Month
127.	<i>Annum</i>	Year
128.	<i>Audio</i>	I hear
129.	<i>Dictum factum</i>	What is said is done
130.	<i>Fac simile</i> <i>Facsimile</i>	Make alike (Fax)
131.	<i>In memoriam</i>	In memory of
132.	<i>Versus</i>	Against
133.	<i>Viva Voce</i>	With living voice, by word of mouth
134.	<i>Curriculum vitae</i>	Course of one's life
135.	<i>Bonus</i>	Good, extra sum
136.	<i>Ergo</i>	Therefore
137.	<i>Pro forma</i>	As a matter of form
138.	<i>Ad rem</i>	To the point