

ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

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I composed this poem and I have been using it for the past few years. We recite the poem together at the beginning of the class, thus the students are focusing on Latin immediately.

LATINA VIVIT, LATINA VIVAT!

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All roads lead to Rome
and they are paved
with declensions and conjugations.
The **Via Appia, Regina Viarum**
has the **inscriptio: "Quo vadis?"**
Via Latina has the **indicatio:**
The meaning is in the ending.
A funny thing happens on the way to the **Forum:**
the adjective agrees in case, gender, and number.
Along the **Via Sacra coniugatio:**
Amo, amas, amat
I love, you love, he, she, it loves.
On the **Via Salaria, cum grano salis, declinatio:**
nominative: **nomen**, subject
genitive: **generatio**, possession, of
dative: given to, for,
accusative: direct object, **per, ad, post, ante, trans**
ablative: **a, ab, e, ex, de, sine, sub, in, cum, pro.**
On the way to the **Colosseum, proclamatio:**
Veni vidi vici
Linguam latinam.