Latin words in English

Many English words come from Latin as whole words, e.g. ‘axis’, or using Latin prefixes, e.g. ‘supernova’. Latin is often used for inventions or new ideas, e.g. aviation, and we use Latin phrases such as ‘vice versa’.

GETTING STARTED

Find the meaning and Latin word for the following.

**canine**
- meaning: ________
- comes from ________ meaning ________

1. **bovine**
- meaning: ________
- comes from ________ meaning ________

2. **equine**
- meaning: ________
- comes from ________ meaning ________

3. **feline**
- meaning: ________
- comes from ________ meaning ________

MOVING ON

1. Find the word for these meanings.

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<th>WORD</th>
<th>MEANING</th>
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<tr>
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<td>a living thing that can feel and move</td>
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<td>a bluish green precious stone</td>
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<td>hooked like an eagle’s beak</td>
<td>aquila</td>
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<td>a device with lenses for both eyes</td>
<td>bini and oculus</td>
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<td>a sphere or globe</td>
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<td>not hollow; with no space inside</td>
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2. Which Roman gods or goddesses gave their names to these months?

January _________________  March _________________  May _________________

3. What do these Latin phrases mean?

- **bona fide**
- **in situ**
- **quid pro quo**
- **ad infinitum**
- **ad lib**

How many did you get right? 5 = NOVICE 10 = EXPERT 15 = MAESTRO

You can use your Oxford School Dictionary and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.