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## Preface

The idea for this book arose from many happy hours spent with my pupils who were striving to learn their Latin vocabulary. Together we devised a game where we would think of an English derivative from a Latin word, which would then provide a clue to the meaning of the Latin; e.g. *rideo* means 'I laugh' or 'I smile', and some English derivatives are 'deride' or 'ridiculous'. We soon discovered that the Latin words were easy to recall and learning became much more efficient as well as fun.

Around this time, I used to hear commuters on the train mumbling to themselves as they sought the answers to their daily crossword. Often, I realised that Latin words were behind both the clues and the answers. It seemed the above technique of associating derivatives with their Latin origin might help with word puzzles and similar activities, too.

The purpose of this book is threefold. First, all the words I have chosen (with just two exceptions) are required for the Oxford Cambridge and RSA ('the OCR') GCSE syllabus and therefore this book can be used as a revision aid for GCSE students. For this reason, I have included some grammatical information for each word, such as the declension and gender of a noun and the conjugation of a verb. Secondly, the book is intended as a secret weapon for anyone tackling crosswords or word games, where the associations between Latin vocabulary and the English derivatives will spark the imagination and encourage a deluge of possible answers. Last and certainly not least, the overriding aim of this book is to provide enjoyment. I hope you will find it fun, challenging and a fitting celebration of the magnificent Latin language.

*For all my pupils, past and present.*

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