

De Linguae Latinae Vivacitate

The Liveliness of Latin

	LATIN	ENGLISH
Maturity rating (approximate number of years as fully developed in its modern form)?	2100!	500
Living as actively read communication?	YES!	YES
Living for more than 2000 years as actively read communication?	YES!	no
Living as actively written communication?	YES!	YES
Living for more than 2000 years as actively written communication?	YES!	no
Living for more than 2000 years as spoken in some fashion for communication?	YES!	no
Living as lexically changing?	YES!	YES
Living for more than 1000 years as a lingua franca for most Western European academic, ecclesiastical, legal, governmental, and medical communications?	YES!	no
Living as a widespread preferred medium for scientific nomenclature, mottoes, and handy practical expressions?	YES!	no
Source of other current major Western/World languages?	YES!	no
Living as spoken in everyday settings?	minimal	YES
Living as transmitted in the family to infants as a first language of a social group?	no	YES
Living as grammatically changing?	no	YES
Living as a current <i>lingua franca</i> for most Western European academic, ecclesiastical, legal, governmental, and medical communications?	no	no