# Neuter nouns

In the PowerPoint on the Roman house you saw that some of the names of the rooms have the ending **-um**.

e.g. larari**um** = shrine

 impluvi**um** = pool to catch rainwater

 atri**um** = main room

 tablin**um** = study room

 peristyli**um** = garden with columns

 triclini**um** = dining room

These nouns might look like masculine accusative nouns but they are actually **neuter** nouns!

Neuter nouns are very interesting because they have the same ending in the nominative and the accusative: **-um**

Here are some other neuter nouns!

auxilium = help

caelum = sky

consilium = plan

donum = gift

incendium = fire

negotium = business

signum = sign

templum = temple

theatrum = theatre

## Exercise

Spot the odd one out:

Each line below has four nouns: two are neuter nouns and one is a masculine accusative noun – let’s find the masculine accusative one!

1. theatrum triclinium pullum
2. auxilium porcum negotium
3. incendium lupum caelum
4. templum lararium avum

**Answer key**

1. pullum
2. porcum
3. lupum
4. avum