

# De Linguae Latinae Vivacitate

## The Liveliness of Latin

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