

Ala – Like alcoves in the hallway, off the atrium, in a Roman villa

Alabastrotheca – Make up case of alabaster jars

Anticeptio – Contraception (Veronica uses vinegar!)

Argentum – Silver, and also money, like ‘cash’  
<http://latindictionary.wikidot.com/noun:argentum>

As – Short for assarion, smallest copper coin in Publia’s Roman purse

Atrium – The open centre of a Roman house, with a pool of rainwater beneath a hole in the roof; statue and wall painting decorate it, and all the other rooms lead off it

Bibliotheca – Library, though the books were scrolls

Caldarium – The hot tub at the Roman baths

Carissima- Most loved

Clementia – Mercy

Compluvium – A hole in the roof, over the impluvium, rain pool

Cubiculum – Bedroom (cubicle or cubby hole!)

Culina – Kitchen (culinary)

Curule – The folding ivory stool that signified a dignified magistrate’s status

Domus – Home/House

Drachma – Silver coin from Greece, one of the earliest known in the world, from an original meaning ‘to grasp’  
<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/170662/drachma>

Dryads – Tree nymphs, spirits of all trees, particularly oak

Duodecim Scripta – The Roman equivalent to chess or backgammon, basically, a boy’s game [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludus\\_duodecim\\_scriptorum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ludus_duodecim_scriptorum) (Ludus/Ludo!)

Februo – Latin for purging or purifying: the month February was named after this festival

Floralia – The Roman month named for the goddess Flora, in the spring  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Floralia>

Frigidarium – The cold plunge, final stage in the bathing process

Gusto - Taste

Hexaplex Trunculus – The Latin name for the Tyrian sea-snail, aka murex

Ima – The Hebrew word for Mum

Impluvium – The rain pool beneath the hole in the atrium roof (the compluvium!)

Insulae – Blocks of flats, each with lock-up shops on the ground floor, or grander living quarters like Abibaal's, then four or more tenement floors, and balconies, above.

Iudaeus – Jew

Kaneh-Bosem - Cannabis in the Bible? In honour of different spellings I've retained two in my text... <http://cannacentral.com/news/cannabis-christianity-and-the-great-kaneh-bosm-debate-did-jesus-use-pot/>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy\\_anointing\\_oil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_anointing_oil) Who knew?!

Koskino – Sieve (in Phoenician)

Laconicum – The lazy area, or time-out zone, after a hot one at the Roman baths

Latrines – The loos, or toilets

Leewan – Three-walled rooms around the courtyard at an inn

Magis Realismum – Magical Realism, according to Google Translate, but the phrase would be meaningless to ancient Romans

Manare – Wait, stay there, hold up, hang on

Mensula – Table

Mentula - Penis

Mingo – Wee, pee, piss, urinate, etc (The modern 'minging' must derive from this)

Nisan – A month in the Hebrew calendar, around spring time  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nisan>

Nominalia – A name-fest, like the naming ceremony we would now call a Christening.

Ornatix – Hairdresser

Ova - Egg

Palla – Shawl or cloak

Pallium – Shawl or cloak

Palliolum – A little shawl, more ladylike

Pater - Father

Peplus – Tunic, tied to flatter the hips (think today's peplum tops)

Peristylum – Covered walkway around the internal garden at the Roman villa

Pharisees - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pharisees>

Phosphoro – Phosphorescence. But what does that mean?

Phylacteries - Pages from the Torah were traditionally worn on the body by Jews while praying <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phylactery>

Piperatoria – Pepper Pot

Plumerius – Embroiderer

Posterior – Here it means ass or arse, depending on your accent

Praecinctorium – An apron with lots of pockets, used by pharmacists, for example, to store and distribute their pills and potions

Praetorium – Originally the general's tent in the army camp; later the council building  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Praetorium>

Praetors – 'The Government'.

Rabiosus – A raving mad man, rabid

Sadducees - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadducees>

Sanhedrin – Council of Israeli men, up to seventy one; the rabbinical courts  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanhedrin>

Savillum – Roman cheesecake topped with bay leaves. Nom.  
<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/ancient-roman-cheesecake-savillum/>

Scribes - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scribe#Judaism>

Semicaper – Half-man, half-goat, like Pan

Servus – Slave

Silphium – A plant Veronica and lots of other Romas used as birth control  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silphium> <http://io9.com/5923071/did-the-romans-drive-a-birth-control-plant-to-extinction> (Read all the comments)

Solium – throne, and bath-tub!

Somnus - Sleep

Soror – Sister

Splendidus – Splendid

Spucatum Tauri - Bullshit

Strigil – Tool used with oil to scrape dirt and sweat from the skin at bathtime

Sukkah – Tent for Hebrew festival of Tabernacles

Suparum – Like the thing hairdressers put round your shoulder today!

Superanus - Soprano

Tablinum – Study

Tekhelet – Blue dye from murex used in the High Priest's tassels and the tabernacle embroideries <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tekhelet>

Tempus - Time

Tepidarium – The room temperature or ambient bath, first to come in the three-part bathing process

Terabinth – Tree [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pistacia\\_palaestina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pistacia_palaestina) It's a nice tree but I picked it more for the sound of its name

Tesserae – Mosaic tiles

Timbrels – Tambourine, from ancient Israel

Toga Picta – Dyed purple all over and finely embroidered with gold thread, only emperors and generals could wear one

Toga Praetexta – With purple stripes to show relative prestige

Triclinium – Dining room, three couches, each to take three diners, reclining to eat

Triumphator – The winner, victor

Tzitzit – Tassels attached to the four corners of Jewish prayer shawls, once coloured blue with murex dye <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tzitzit>

Urno Infectum -

Vale – Bye! Salve is hi! Proper translation is farewell

Vegetabili – Vegetables, silly

Veneralia – The feast day of goddess Venus, April 1st

Vestibulum – Vestibule! The hall or entrance way, in a Roman villa

'Volo sexum luxoria res' – I want to shop for luxury items

Vulcan – Roman god of Volcanoes, metalwork and revenge!  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulcan\\_\(mythology\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vulcan_(mythology))

Zaater Zejd – Paste of sesame and thyme (I think of it as their equivalent to peanut butter)

