

sacrarium

shrine

Salii

priests connected  
with the worship of  
Mars and Quirinus

sella curulis

a special chair of  
office reserved for  
higher magistrates

senatus consulta

decrees of the senate  
- advice of the senate  
to the magistrates

senatus consultum  
ultimum

an emergency decree of the  
senate, usually interpreted as  
authorising the consuls to use  
every means to save the state

silvae callesque

a type of forestry  
commission

sine suffragio

without a vote

sistrum

a musical instrument  
- a type of cymbal

socii

Roman allies within  
Italy

suffetes

chief Carthaginian  
magistrates

tabernae

shops

tablinum

living room in a  
Roman house

thermae

public baths

thermopolium

public dining place  
serving hot drinks

toga praetexta

gown bordered with  
purple

triarii

the third line in the early republican army, comprising older and more experienced men and usually operating as a reserve

tribuni aerarii

exact status unknown, but probably men of considerable property - perhaps just below the equestrian class in assessment

tribuni plebis

tribunes of the plebeians

tribunus militum

a military tribune

tributum capitis

poll tax

tributum soli

a tax on land and  
fixed property

triclinium

dining room in a  
Roman house

tumulus

bell-shaped mound -  
domed tomb of the  
Etruscans

urbs

city

urbs frumentaria

citizens eligible for  
corn hand-outs

velites	light-armed skirmishers in the army, composed of the youngest and poorest citizens
vigiles	a body of freedmen, organised by Augustus in seven cohorts to act as the fire brigade of Rome - sometimes performing military functions
vividarium	a place of gardens and fountains in a Roman house
volones	volunteers