

Harry Potter Knows

LATIN

You can too!

Almost all of those great charms in Harry Potter are in Latin. Here are a few:

- EXPELLIARMUS [*expelle* “expel” & *arma* “weapons”]: a disarming charm
- FINITE INCANTATEM [*finite* “end” & *incantatem* “charm”]: a charm to stop all other charms currently functioning
- LUMOS [*lumen* “light, daylight”]: a charm to make a tiny light appear on the end of a wand to use as a flashlight
- NOX [*nox* “night”]: a charm to extinguish light; opposite of Lumos
- MOBILIARBUS [*mobilis* “movable” & *arbor* “tree”]: a charm to move trees
- MOBILICORPUS [*mobilis* “movable” & *corpus* “body”]: a charm to move an unconscious person
- EXPECTO PATRONUM [*expecto* “I await” & *patronum* “patron”]: a charm to produce a Patronus to fight off Dementors
- DENSAUGEO [*dens* “tooth” & *augeo* “I increase”]: a charm to increase the size of a person’s teeth

Latin isn’t dead; it’s alive everywhere you look!