

caeruleus

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Latin

Alternative forms

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Etymology

Dissimilation of **caeluleus*, derived from *caelum* (“sky, heaven”) + *-uleus* (diminutive suffix).

Pronunciation

- (*Classical*) IPA^(key): /kaɛˈru.le.us/, [kǎɛˈrɔ̃ɭɛʊs]
- (*Ecclesiastical*) IPA^(key): /t͡ʃeˈru.le.us/, [t͡ʃeˈruːleus]

Adjective

caeruleus (*feminine* **caerulea**, *neuter* **caeruleum**); *first/second-declension adjective*

- Having the color of the sky; blue or greenish-blue; cerulean, azure
 - Dyed or colored blue
 - (*particularly*) Colored with woad
 - Used as an epithet of sea and river deities or things connected with them
 - (*of serpents*) Glossy greenish-blue
 - (*of persons*) Blue-eyed
 - Dark-colored, dusky, gloomy
 - (*of clouds and shadows*)
 - (*of things in or associated with the underworld*)
- (*as a proper name*) A spring and aqueduct at Rome

2. (*rare*) Of or connected with the sky, celestial

Declension

First/second-declension adjective.

Number	Singular			Plural		
Case / Gender	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	caeruleus	<u>caerulea</u>	<u>caeruleum</u>	<u>caeruleī</u>	<u>caeruleae</u>	<u>caerulea</u>
Genitive	<u>caeruleī</u>	<u>caeruleae</u>	<u>caeruleī</u>	<u>caeruleōrum</u>	<u>caeruleārum</u>	<u>caeruleōrum</u>
Dative	<u>caeruleō</u>		<u>caeruleō</u>	<u>caeruleīs</u>		
Accusative	<u>caeruleum</u>	<u>caeruleam</u>	<u>caeruleum</u>	<u>caeruleōs</u>	<u>caeruleās</u>	<u>caerulea</u>
Ablative	<u>caeruleō</u>	<u>caeruleā</u>	<u>caeruleō</u>	<u>caeruleīs</u>		
Vocative	<u>caerulee</u>	<u>caerulea</u>	<u>caeruleum</u>	<u>caeruleī</u>	<u>caeruleae</u>	<u>caerulea</u>

Derived terms

- caerula
- caerulāns
- caeruleātus
- caeruleum

Descendants

- → English: cerulean
- → French: céruleen
- → Italian: ceruleo
- → Portuguese: cerúleo
- → Spanish: cerúleo

See also

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