

GREEK ALPHABET

A	α	alpha,	"ah" as in "father"
B	β	beta,	"b"
Γ	γ	gamma,	"g" as in "get"
Δ	δ	delta,	"d"
E	ε	epsilon,	"e" as in "get"
Z	ζ	zeta,	"dz" as in "beds"
H	η	eta,	"a" as in "late"
Θ	θ	theta,	"th"
I	ι	iota,	"i" as in "pit," or "ee"
K	κ	kappa,	"k"
Λ	λ	lambda,	"l"
M	μ	mu,	"m"
N	ν	nu,	"n"
Ξ	ξ	xi,	"x" as in "axe"
O	ο	omicron,	"o" as in "hot"
Π	π	pi,	"p"
Σ	σ	sigma,	"s"
			(ς at end of word)
T	τ	tau,	"t"
Υ	υ	upsilon,	"u" as in "use"
Φ	φ	phi,	"ph" as in "phone"
X	χ	chi,	"ch" as in "chord"
Ψ	ψ	psi,	"ps" as in "loops"
Ω	ω	omega,	"o" as in "note"

NOUNS

Besides having a gender (as in French) and number (as in English), the noun in Greek also takes on a case. A noun's case determines how it is to be used and translated in a sentence.

Gender

masculine feminine neuter

Number

Singular, as in "son"

Plural, as in "sons"

Case (using "man" as an example)

Nominative: the word is used as the subject, as in "The **man** gave bread to him."

Genitive: the word is expressed with possession, as in "He took the **man's** bread" or "He took the bread **of the man**."

Dative: the word is the indirect object, as in "He gave bread **to the man**" or "He gave bread **for the man**."

Accusative: the word is the direct object, as in "He brought the **man** to see the bread."

Vocative: the word is used as a direct address, as in "**Man**, let me give you some bread."

VERBS

The Greek verb has a person, number, tense, voice, and mood. These four factors determine how the verb is translated.

Person and Number

1st pers, singular - "I see"

2nd pers, singular - "You see"

3rd pers, singular - "He (or she) sees"

1st pers, plural - "We see"

2nd pers, plural - "You see"

3rd pers, plural - "They see"

Tense

Present - as in "I **see**"

Imperfect - as in "I **was seeing**" (this tense indicates a continuing action from the past and is difficult to translate into English)

Aorist - as in "I **saw**" (simple past tense)

Future - as in "I **will see**"

Perfect - as in "He healed me, so **now I see**." (a present statement that was a result of a past action. This is sometimes difficult to translate into English.)

Voice

Active - as in "I **see**"

Middle - as in "I **see myself**" (this voice indicates an action that is done to oneself, or concerning oneself. It is difficult to translate; the force of this voice is very subtle)

Passive - as in "I am **being seen**."

Mood

Indicative - as in "I **see**" (a simple statement)

Subjunctive - as in "...that I **might see**." (indicates a purpose, exhortation, or intent)

Imperative - as in "**See** the man." (a command)

Infinitive - as in "I wish **to see** the man." (a verb used as a noun)

Participle - as in "I turned around, **seeing** him in the distance."

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