



The World of Languages
and Languages of the World

Have a go at Gorgeous Greek

Your challenge today is to work out the letters of the Greek alphabet.

Objectives

- We can substitute Latin and Greek letters of the alphabet.
- We can see that we use lots of Greek words in English today. Some say there are over 150,000 English words that come from Greek words!
- We can have fun cracking linguistic codes.



**Let's
Go!**

**What can you
remember?**

Tell your partner why Latin
came to influence English.

Who can remember the
most words in Latin?

Do you know any Greek
words?

Do you know any Greek
letters?

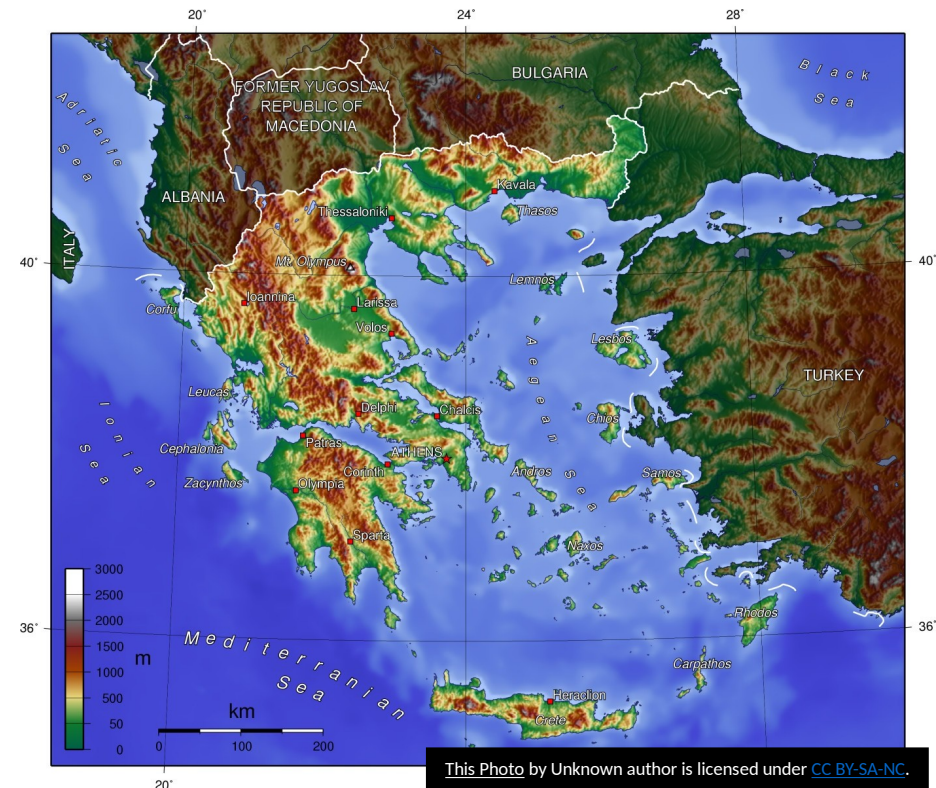


Where do we see Greek in English?

- Greek has influenced the English language through mythology, art and literature. Take the Greek demi-God *Achilles* for example – do you know what an "Achilles heel" is?
- We see lots of Greek words used in science such as biology, chemistry, astrology, botany.
- We see Greek prefixes used for example *anti-*, *hyper-*, *infra-*. Can you think of words that use these prefixes?

Today's challenge is to work out the Greek alphabet with no help from the teacher!

- You'll see a number of clues.
- Work out which letter of our alphabet matches the letter in the Greek alphabet.
- Use the grid in your work book to help you.



The Greek alphabet looks different from ours.

You may notice some similarities but reading words in Greek would be very tricky.

Or is it....?

Α α	Β β	Γ γ	Δ δ
Ε ε	Ζ ζ	Η η	Θ θ
Ι ι	Κ κ	Λ λ	Μ μ
Ν ν	Ξ ξ	Ο ο	Π π
Ρ ρ	Σ σς	Τ τ	Υ υ
Φ φ	Χ χ	Ψ ψ	Ω ω



What does this mean?

**Δεινοσαυρος
βροντοσαυρος**



**What could this
mean?**

Τυραννοσαυρος

Rex



And this?

Τηλεφωνη



Guess what this
means!

θερμομετρον



And I bet you can work
this one out!

τηλεσκόπιο



This one is a little harder.

θεατρον





**And this one is
a little easier.**

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So what does this
mean?

Ολυμπικά



Here's your final one
(which you have seen
before...)

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Fill in the grid with the Greek letters.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	th	p
				ε η	φ				-			μ		ο ω	π	-					-	-				θ	ψ

Now have a go at spelling these words:

1. Cathedral
2. Holiday
3. Appointment
4. Parthenon
5. School

Now give your partner three tricky spellings to "transliterate".

A final quiz question...

These Greek words have specific meanings

- bronte = thunder
- turannos = king

So, why is a Brontosaurus called such? What about a Tyrannosaurus Rex?

WoLLoW would like to know...

- Ask your partner a question about today's lesson.
- Can they give you a correct answer?



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