

Lesson 18:Key to the practice of declension

I) ἡδύς, ἡδεῖα. ἡδύ ανδ καρπός, οὔ, ὅ = sweet fruit

	singular	plural
nom	ἡδύς καρπός	ἡδεῖς καρποί
gen	ἡδέος καρποῦ	ἡδέων καρπῶν
dat	ἡδεῖ καρπῷ	ἡδέσι καρποῖς
acc	ἡδύν καρπὸν	ἡδεῖς καρπούς
voc	ἡδὺ καρπέ	ἡδεῖς καρποί

II) Decline in the singular only the phrase: πόδας ὠκύς Ἀχιλλεύς = "swift-footed Achilles." This is a frequent epithet of Achilles in the *Iliad*. The word πόδας should not be declined: it is the acc pl of πούς, ποδός, ὅ = foot. This is an adverbial function of the acc that strictly speaking means "in respect to his feet." It is known as an *accusative of respect*.

ὠκύς, ὠκεῖα, ὠκύ = swift; Ἀχιλλεύς, ἕως = Achilles

nom	πόδας ὠκύς Ἀχιλλεύς
gen	πόδας ὠκέος Ἀχιλλέως
dat	πόδας ὠκεῖ Ἀχιλλεῖ
acc	πόδας ὠκύν Ἀχιλλέα
voc	πόδας ὠκὺ Ἀχιλλεῦ

III) βαρύς, βαρεῖα, βαρύ, and πάθος, πάθους, τό = heavy suffering

	<i>singular</i>	<i>plural</i>
<i>nom</i>	βαρὺ πάθος	βαρέα πάθη
<i>gen</i>	βαρέος πάθους	βαρέων παθῶν
<i>dat</i>	βαρεῖ πάθει	βαρέσι πάθεσι
<i>acc</i>	βαρὺ πάθος	βαρέα πάθη
<i>voc</i>	βαρὺ πάθος	βαρέα πάθη