

Lesson 12: Composition

1) Eratosthenes¹ was hoping to persuade² the citizens not to kill him.

2) Terrible things never happened to us, nor³ will they happen.

3) Therefore it is necessary⁴ that we live⁵ life righteously.

4) That ignorant politician said (use aorist⁶.) that Socrates is not a wise man⁷. He does not know that that philosopher wanted to teach the young men that life without⁸ philosophy is not worthy of mention⁹.

5) You must carry out all these things, if you want others to carry them out.

6) There is pleasure in perceiving¹⁰ beautiful things and in doing good deeds.

5) Did you (pl) say that you were seeking¹¹ good proverbs but (that) these proverbs were

not sufficient for you? They are indeed¹² sufficient for me.

¹ Ἐρατοσθένης

² Verbs meaning “to hope, promise, etc.,” because they imply the future, take a future infinitive.

³ οὐδέ

⁴ Use ἀνάγκη (with ἐστίν implicit)

⁵ διάγω

⁶ Use ἔλεξα, the regular aorist of λέγω. The irregular (“second”) aorist, far more common in classical Greek, will be presented in lesson 14.

⁷ ἀπαιίδευτος, ος, ον

⁸ ἄνευ + genitive

⁹ λόγος

¹⁰ αἰσθάνομαι

¹¹ ζητέω > ὤ

¹² δῆ