

Greek - An Intensive Course

Some short notes on diphthongs:

There's a handful of diphthongs
in Ancient Greek: —

ai → αἰθίη

ει → εἴρηνη

οι → οἶνος

υι → Εἴλείθυια

αυ → αὐτόνομος

εω → Ὀδυσσεύς

ηυ → ηύρενα

ου → Οὐρανός

Iota subscript

When the long vowels ᾱ, ῥ and ω are combined with a short iota, the iota is written beneath the long vowel and is not pronounced → ᾱ, ῥ, ω

Ancient Accent

Ancient Greek words had an accent on one syllable of a word; that ~~been~~ accent, however, was a musical pitch rather than just an increased stress on that particular syllable as in English. It is thus customary, to simply stress that syllable which has an accent in Ancient Greek as you would in English.

Ancient Greek had three different types of accents:

Acute :

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Grave :

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Circumflex :

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Rules regarding the placement
of accents

General rule: No matter how
many syllables a
word may have,
the accent can
appear only over
one of the last
three syllables.

Acute ~~and~~ accent:

Appears over: ultima, penult, antepenult

and

short vowels, long
vowels and diph-
thongs

Restrictions:

Can appear over the ultima
only when a pause follows
(end of sentence, comma ...)

Cannot appear over the penult
when it is accented and contains
a long vowel or diphthong and
the ultima contains a short vowel

Can appear over the ante penult
only when the ultima contains
a short vowel.

Grave accent:

Appears only over the ultima
and over short vowels, long vowels
and diphthongs

Restrictions:

Must replace an acute accent over
the ultima when another word

follows directly without a pause

Cannot appear otherwise

Circumflex accent:

Appears only over the ultima
and penult

Appears only over long vowels
or diphthongs

Restrictions:

Must appear over the penult when
the penult is accented and contains
a long vowel or diphthong; and
the ultima contains a short
vowel

Cannot appear over the penult when
the ultima contains a long vowel
or diphthong

Ancient Greek has two types of accents, namely recessive and persistent. A short overview of both types: —

Recessive Accents

An accent is recessive when it goes back from the end of the word as far as the rules permit

- » Most verb forms have a recessive accent

Examples:

Éstavao → Éstaúow

↳ The ultima is a long vowel so the accent can't go past the penult. Because the ultima is a long vowel, the accent cannot be a circumflex

Rules for accent placement in words which have a recessive accent and have...

... Three or more syllables:

⇒ Creadu the ultima

If the ultima is a short vowel then the word receives an acute accent on the ante-
penult.

If the ultima is a long vowel or diphthong, the accent will be acute on the penult

... Two syllables:

⇒ Creadu the penult first

If it has a short vowel, the accent is acute.

If the penult has a long vowel or a diphthong

then check the ultima's vowel length.

If the ultima has a short vowel,
the accent is circumflex.

If the ultima contains a long vowel,
the accent is acute.

⇒ In two syllable words which have a recessive accent,
the accent must be on the penult or be either an acute or circumflex.

Accent Drill I:

1. Χῖω, Χῖονεν, Χῖετε, Χιέτω.

~~Χῖον~~ Χῖον

2. Σταθένω, ἐπίσταθενον, σταθεύσεις.

Στάθενον, σταθεύσαι

3. Σιδάρωεν, θίδαση, θίδαξον.

Σιδάξω

4. Τάττειν, Τάττομεν, Ταττόντων,
Τάττης, Τάττε
5. Βλάψης, Βλάψομεν, ἐβλάβην
6. ἔστείσα, ἔστείσατε, στέίσωμεν,
~~ἔστείσθητε~~ ἔστείσθην
7. Σουλεύεις, ~~ἴστηση~~ ἐσθούλευνον,
~~ἔσθολευτε~~ ~~ἴστηση~~ ἐσθούλεύτε
8. αλέγητω, αλέψεις, ἐναλεγήτον,
ἐναλέγητε
9. ἀγγέλλω, ~~ἴστηση~~ ἀγγέλλον, ~~ἴστηση~~ ἀγγέλλετε
10. ἔλτης, ~~ἴστηση~~ λαθον, ~~ἴστηση~~ λαθετε

Persistent Accent

Persistent accents attempt to ~~to~~ stay fixed on the same syllable — they may even change their form to stay on the same syllable (i.e. circumflex to acute etc). Only when there is absolutely no way for

a particular syllable to be accented,
the accent changes its position.

~~THE~~ \$.Unit 1.

Nouns

Greek nouns have gender, number
and case. There are three genders, (masculine, feminine and neuter), three
numbers - only two of which
are used commonly, namely
singular and plural - and a bunch
of cases (five to be exact).

The function of those cases is
largely similar to that of German
or Russian and thus only ~~outliers~~
outliers will be specifically
commented upon herein: —

Genitive

Besides its usual function of showing possession, the genitive is used to indicate motion away from or separation (English "away from", "out of" - German uses the Dative here; Russian would use the Genitive as well → *Я боялся уезжать*)

Dative

Also used to show instrumentality, such as "by" and "with" (same as in German → "Mit dir"; ~~Russian~~ Russian has its own case for this)

Additionally, it is used place where or time when; English "at" or "in" (same as German → "In dem Jahr")

Accusative

Same as German. Shows direct objects of verbs or conveys the idea of motion toward or length of space or of time.

Vocative

Used to show that the noun is being addressed directly.

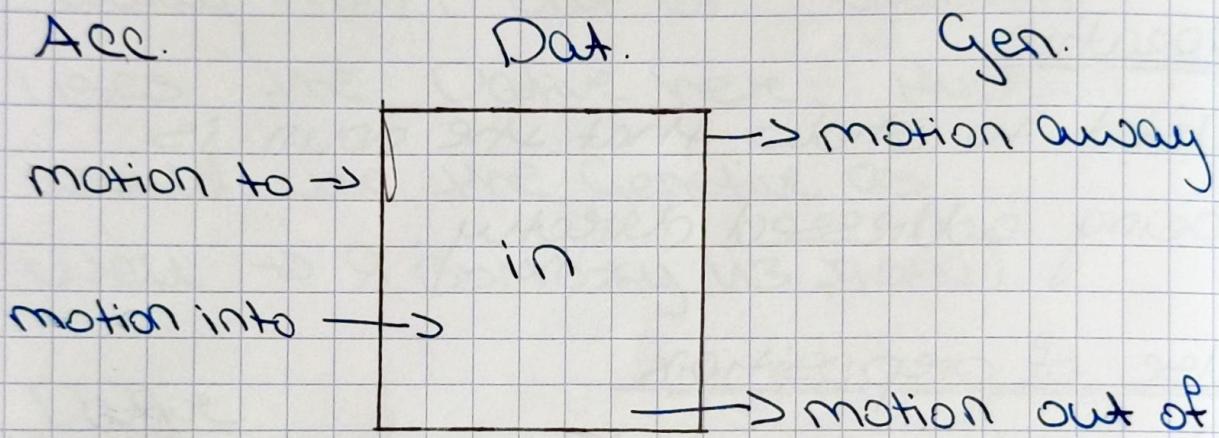
Use of prepositions

Prepositions are used somewhat similarly to how they are in German or Russian - but not entirely the same.

For example, when the Dative is used to show instrumentality, Greek does not use a preposition in that case. When the Dative is used to describe where something is - ον, English equivalent of "in" - , a preposition is used, however.

Using cases to express motion or position

The cases in Greek are used differently from those in German in regards to motion and position.



The above illustration gives a quick overview of how which case is used.

Declension of nouns

This is where the fun begins.

Firstly, it is important to grasp the structure in which this book presents its vocabulary,

namely thus: ~~ΤΕΧΝΗ~~ Τέχνη, τέχνης. ἥ
The structure of this is: Nom. S.,
Gen. S., Article.

8 To decline any noun, take the
Genitive Singular, remove the
Genitive Singular endings to get
the Stem, and then add the proper
endings to the stem.

Ancient Greek nouns belong to one
of three declension classes; those
nouns most of whose endings ~~use~~
use the vowels "-η-" or "-α"
belong to the first declension.
Those nouns most of whose endings
use the vowel "-ο-" belong to
the second declension.
The remaining nouns form the third
~~dekte~~ declension.

Declension of first-declension

nouns

Singular

<u>Nom.</u>	-η, -ā
<u>Gen.</u>	-ηs, -ās
<u>Dat.</u>	-η, -ā
<u>Acc.</u>	-ηv; -āv
<u>Voc.</u>	-η, -ā

Plural

-al
-ōv
-aus
-ās
-al

Thus, to decline $\tau\acute{e}xvn$, $\tau\acute{e}xvn\eta$, η ("art"), take the Genitive Singular $\tau\acute{e}xvn\eta$, remove its ending (-ηs) to get the stem $\tau\acute{e}xv-$ and add the appropriate endings to the stem.

Example declension of $\tau\acute{e}xvn$:

Nominative S.: $\tau\acute{e}xvn$

Genitive : $\tau\acute{e}xvn\eta$

Dative : $\tau\acute{e}xvn$

Accusative : $\tau\acute{e}xvnv$

Vocative : τέχνη

Nominative P. : τέχναι

Genitive : τέχνων

Dative : τέχναις

Accusative : τέχνας

Vocative : τέχναι

Observations:

- ① Greek does not have an indirect article like English or German.
- ② The accent of nouns is as a rule persistent. Thus the accent of τέχνη is given by the Nominative Singular and stays on the -ε- of the penult except in the Genitive Plural, which is an exception ~~to~~ to the rule.

The Genitive Plural of all first-declension nouns is -ῶν- with a circumflex accent on the ultima.

Compare the declension of ~~τέχνη~~ τέχνη
with that of χώρα, χώρας, ἡ-
("land").

Nom./Voc. S.	τέχνη	χώρα
Gen.	τέχνης	χώρας
Dat.	τέχνῃ	χώρᾳ
Acc.	τέχνην	χώραν
Nom./Voc. P.	τέχναι	χώραι
Gen.	*τέχνῶν	χώρων
Dat.	τέχναις	χώραις
Acc.	τέχνας	χώρας

Observations:

- ① The Vocative is the same as the Nominative
- ② There is no difference in meaning between first-declension nouns ending in -η and those in -ά.

Originally, all such nouns ended in $\bar{\alpha}$. In Attic Greek, this $\bar{\alpha}$ changed to η except after ει, ου or ρ.

- ③ First-declension nouns differ only in the singular.

All first-declension nouns follow the same pattern in the plural.

- ④ Note that the form $\chi\bar{w}\rho\bar{a}s$ can be either Genitive Singular or Accusative Plural. Context usually allows one to distinguish the two cases.

- ⑤ Once again, note that, as with all first-declension nouns, the Genitive Plural ending is $\tilde{\omega}v$ with a circumflex accent on the ultima.

⑥ The diphthong -ai when final
(at the end of a word) counts
as a short vowel (for purposes
of accentuation).

Hence, in the Nominative Plural,
X̄wpał, the accent changes
from an acute to a circumflex,
since the penult is accented
and contains a long vowel,
and the diphthong of the ultima
counts as a short vowel for
purposes of accentuation.

When a first-declension noun has
an acute accent on the ultima in
the Nominative, the accent is
changed to a circumflex in
the Genitive and Dative, both in
the Singular and Plural.

Compare the declension of
ψυχή, ψυχῆς, ἥ ("soul") and
ἀγορᾶ, ἀγορᾶς, ἥ ("market place")
with those words learned thus
far.

~~ψυχή~~ ~~τέχνη~~
ψυχή τέχνη

Nom./Voc. S:	τέχνη	ψυχή
Gen.	τέχνης	ψυχῆς
Dat.	τέχνῃ	ψυχῇ
Acc.	τέχνην	ψυχήν

Nom./Voc. P:	τέχναι	ψυχάι
Gen.	τέχνῶν	ψυχῶν
Acc.	τέχναις	ψυχαῖς
Dat.	τέχναῖς	ψυχάῖς

χώρα vs. ἄγοπά

Nom./Voc.S.: χώρα

Gen.: χώρας

Dat.: χώρᾳ

Acc.: χώραν

ἄγοπά

ἄγοπᾶς

ἄγοπᾶ

ἄγοπᾶν

Nom./Voc.P.: χώραι

Gen.: χωρῶν

Dat.: χώραις

Acc.: χώραῖς

ἄγοπαι

ἄγοπῶν

ἄγοπαις

ἄγοπᾶς

Drills I. 1 - 10

1. Τέχνη

a) feminine, singular, nominative,
"arts"

b) τέχνη

2. Ψυχή

a) feminine, singular, accusative,
"soul" (as direct object)

b) ψυχᾶς

3. Τέχνῶν

a) feminine, plural, genetive, "of (the) arts"

b) τέχνης

4. ἀγορᾶς

a) feminine, plural, accusative,

"market places" (as direct obj.)

5. ἀγορᾶς

a) feminine, singular, genetive,

"of (the) market place"

b) ἀγορᾶ

6. ψυχῶν

plural

a) feminine, ~~singular~~, dative, "to (the)
soul"

b) ψυχῆ

7. Τέχνη

a) feminine, singular, dative, "to (the)
art"

b) τέχναις

8. x̄w̄pā

- a) feminine, singular, nominative,
"Land"

b) x̄wp̄

9. åxopā

- a) feminine, singular, dative, "in
(the) market place"

b) åxopāiſ

10. Téxvāg

- a) feminine, ~~singular~~, accusative,
"art" (as direct object)

b) ~~Téxvāg~~ Téxvñv

Second-declension nouns

These nouns have either the ending "-og" (masculine) and rarely feminine) or "-ov" (neuter).

Its endings are as follows:

M / F

Nom. S. -ος

Gen. -ου

Dat. -ῳ

Acc. -ον

Voc. -ε

N

-ον

-ου

-ῳ

-ον

-ον

Nom. P. -οι

Gen. -ων

Dat. -οις

Acc. -οντος

Voc. -οι

-α

-ων

-οις

-α

-α

Thus, to decline Λόγος, Λόγου, ὁ, "word", take the Genitive Singular, remove its "-ου" ending to get the stem "λογ-", and add the masculine / feminine declension endings to get the following declined forms:

Nom. S. : λόγος

Gen. : λόγου

Dat. : λόγῳ

Acc. : λόγου

Voc. : λόγε

Nom. P. : λόγοι

Gen. : λόγων

Dat. : λόγοις

Acc. : λόγους

Voc. : λόγοι

Observations

① The vocative singular has a form different from that of the plural.

② The vocative plural is always the same - in every declension - as the nominative plural.

- ② Unlike first-declension nouns,
the vocative singular is different
from the nominative singular.
- ③ Note that the accent does not
shift to a circumflex in the
ultima of the genitive plural.

To decline the neuter noun ἐπειον, ἐπειον, τό, "won", remove the
genitive "-ον" ending to get the
stem "επει-" and add the neuter
endings onto it:

Nom. S.	: ἐπειον
Gen.	: ἐπειον
Dat.	: ἐπειον ἐπειω
Acc.	: ἐπειον

Nom. P.	: ἐπεια
Gen.	: ἐπειον ἐπειον ἐπειων
Dat.	: ἐπειοн
Acc.	: ἐπεια

Observations:

- ① The vocative is the same as the nominative
- ② In all neuter nouns, the accusative and the vocative are the same as the nominative, both in the singular and the plural
- ③ The nominative/vocative and accusative plural ending of all neuter nouns is "-a"

Accentuation of declensions

Changes to accentuation of nouns of the second-declension

The accentuation of the previously discussed second-declension nouns was quite straight-forward.

Thus, here is a comparison of accentual changes of the following nouns:

~~άνθρωπος~~ ἄνθρωπος

1. ἄνθρωπος, ἄνθρωπου, ὁ, "man"
2. ἀδελφός, αδελφοῦ, ὁ, "brother"
3. νῆσος, νήσου, ἡ, "island"
4. δῶρον, δώρου, τό, "gift"

Nom. S.: ἄνθρωπος

ἀδελφός

Gen. : ἄνθρωπου

ἀδελφοῦ

Dat. : ἄνθρωπῳ

ἀδελφῷ

Acc. : ἄνθρωπον

ἀδελφόν

Voc. : ἄνθρωπε

ἄδελφε

Nom. P.: ἄνθρωποι

ἀδελφοί

Gen. : ἄνθρωπων

ἀδελφῶν

Dat. : ἄνθρωποις

ἀδελφοῖς

Acc. : ἄνθρωπους

ἀδελφούς

Voc. : ἄνθρωποι

ἀδελφοί

Nom. S.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}s$	δύρον
Gen.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}u$	δύρου
Dat.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}w$	δύρῳ
Acc.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}v$	δύρον
Voc.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}e$	δύρον
Nom. P.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}l$	δύρα
Gen.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}wv$	δύρων
Dat.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}ls$	δύροις
Acc.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}us$	δύρα
Voc.	$\nu\bar{\eta}\sigma\bar{o}l$	δύρα

Observations

- ① The accent of nouns is by rule persistent, and is given by the nominative singular. Thus, in “ἀνθρώπον”, the accusative singular ~~is~~ of “ἀνθρώπος”, the accent is the same as in the nominative, since the ending “-ov” contains a short vowel.

In those endings which contain a long vowel, the accent can't remain on the antepenult and has to move to the penult.

- ② Just as the diphthong ~~is~~ "ai" when final counts as a short vowel, so too the diphthong "-oi" counts as a short vowel when final.

This allows the accent to remain on acute on the antepenult in the nominative plural "^áav^opwstōi"

- ③ As in the first declension, when a second-declension noun has an acute accent on the ultima, in the nominative singular, it is changed to a circumflex in the genitive and dative (sing. + pl.) (~~ψέκτη ψύχη~~ → ψύχῆ)

(4) The accent on the vocative singular "ἀδελφὲ" is an exception and must be learnt ~~sep.~~ separately.

Other words, however, of the second declension which accent the ultima of the nominative do keep the accent on the ultima in the vocative

(5) The changing accents on "ιῆσος" and "Σῶπος" are governed by the rules for the circumflex accent.

In the nominative singular of both nouns, the penult is accented and contains a long vowel, whilst the ultima contains a short vowel; the circumflex is thus required.

Whenever the ending contains a long vowel or diphthong, the accent cannot remain a circumflex on the penult, but must change to an acute.

Drills I. 11 - 25 and II

11. λόγων

a) masculine, plural, genetive,
"of words"

b) λόγου

12. αὐθίπωστοις

b) masculine, plural, dative, "to men"

a) αὐθίπωτω

13. αὐθίπωστον

a) masculine, singular, accusative
"man" (as direct obj.)

b) αὐθίπωστον

14. λόγῳ

- a.) masculine, singular, dative,
"with (the) word"

b.) λόγοις

15. έργα

- a.) neuter, plural, nominative,
vocative or accusative,
"work"

b.) Nom.: έργον

~~Hoc~~: εργε ↑

Acc. : έργον

16. ἀδελφοῦ

- a.) masculine, genetive, singular,
"of (the) brother"

b.) ἀδελφῶν

17. λόγον

- a.) masculine, singular, accusative,
"word" (as direct obj.)

b.) λόγοις

18. ὕπορος
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- a) masculine, singular, nominative,
accusative or vocative
- b) Nom./Voc.: ὕπορα
Acc. : ~~ὕπορος~~
ὕπορα

Δ Accusative and nominative
plural of neuter ($\tauό$)
nouns is the same
and differs from ὁ nouns.
The ending here is -a
in all the above cases.

19. ἀδελφοί

- a) masculine, plural, nominative
or vocative
- b) Nom. : ἀδελφοί
Voc. : ἀδελφε

20. Ἐργῶν

- a.) neuter, plural, genetive,
"of (the) works"

b.) Ἐργου

21. χώρας

- a.) feminine, genetive singular
or accusative plural,
"of (the) land" or "lands"
(as direct obj.)

b.) Gen. P.: χωρῶν
Acc. S.: χώραν

22. σύμπας

- a.) neuter, plural, dative, "with
(the) presents"

b.) σύμψι

23. ἄνθρωπε

- a.) masculine, singular, vocative,
"(O) man!" (being addressed
directly)

b.) ἄνθρωποι

24. ἀδελφῶς

- a) masculine, plural, dative,
"with brothers"
- b) ἀδελφῶ

25. δῶρα

- a) neuter, plural, accusative,
nominative, or vocative,
"gifts" (subj, direct obj. or
being addressed directly)
- b) δῶρον (Nom. S., Acc. S. and
Voc. S.)

Drill II - Accents

1. Ὥμηρος

- a) Ὥμηρῷ Ὄμήρῳ
- b) Ὥμηρον

2. Θεός

- a) Θεῷ
- b) Θεοῖ

3. νήσος

- a) ~~νήσος~~ νήσω
- b) νήσοι

4. Βιβλίου

- a) Βιβλίων
- b) Βιβλία

5. τέχνη

- a) τέχνῶν
- b) τέχναις

6. χώρα

- a) ~~χώραι~~ χώραι
- b) χωρῶν

7. αγορά

- a) αγοραίς
- b) αγορᾶς

8. δῶρον

- a) δώρου
- b) δῶρα

9. ἀδελφός

- a) ἀδελφών
b) ἀδελφούς

10. ψυχή

- a) ψυχαί
b) ψυχαῖς

The Article

	M	F	N
Nom. S.	ο	ἡ	τό
Gen.	τοῦ	τῆς	τοῦ
Dat.	τῷ	τῇ	τῷ
Acc.	τόν	τήν	τό
Nom. P.	οἱ	αἱ	τά
Gen.	τῶν	τῶν	τῶν
Dat.	τοῖς	ταῖς	τοῖς
Acc.	τοῖς	τάς	τά

Observations:

- ① The similarity of the endings of the article to those of the nouns should be obvious. Note, however, the absence of the final "-g" in the masculine singular nominative; and the absence of final "-v" in the neuter singular nominative and accusative.
- ② The masculine and feminine nominative, both singular and plural, have neither the initial "r-" which appears in the rest of the forms nor an accent. Such words without accents, which are pronounced closely with the following word, are called proclitics.

③ Note the change in accent from an acute to a circumflex in the genitive and dative, both singular and plural.

Drill III

1. ἀδελφός

- a.) ἀδελφός, ἀδελφοῦ, ἀδελφῷ,
ἀδελφόν, ἀδελφε; ἀδελφοί,
ἀδελφῶν, ἀδελφοῖς, ἀδελφοῖς,
ἀδελφοί
- b.) ἀδελφός, ἀδελφοί, nominative;
ἀδελφοῦ, ἀδελφῶν, genitive;
ἀδελφῷ, ἀδελφοῖς, dative;
ἀδελφον, ἀδελφοῦς, accusative;
ἀδελφε, ἀδελφοί, vocative

2. ψῦχος

- a) ψῦχός, ψῦχήσ, ψῦχή, ~~ψῦχήν~~,
ψῦχαί, ψῦχῶν, ψῦχαῖς, ψῦχάς
- b) ψῦχός, ψῦχαί, nominative;
ψῦχήσ, ψῦχῶν, genitive;
ψῦχή, ψῦχαῖς, dative;
ψῦχήν, ψῦχάς, accusative

3. ἡ χώρα

- a) ἡ χώρα, τῆς χώρας, τῇ
χώρᾳ, τὴν χώραν, αἱ χώραι,
τῶν χωρῶν, ταῖς χωραῖς,
τᾶς χώρας
- b) ἡ χώρα, αἱ χώραι, nominative
τῆς χώρας, τῶν χωρῶν, gen.
τῇ χώρᾳ, ταῖς χωραῖς, dat.
τὴν χώραν, τᾶς χώρας, acc.

4. τὸ δῶρον

- a.) τὸ δῶρον, τοῦ δώρου, τῷ δώρῳ, τὰ δῶρα, τῶν δώρων, τοῖς δώροις.
τά δῶρα
- b.) τὸ δῶρον, τά δῶρα, nom.
τοῦ δώρου, τῶν δώρων, gen.
τῷ δώρῳ, τοῖς δώροις, dat.
τὸ δῶρον, τά δῶρα, all.

5. ὁ ἄνθρωπος

- a.) ὁ ἄνθρωπος, τοῦ ἀνθρώπου,
τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ, τόν ἀνθρώπον,
οἱ ἄνθρωποι, τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, τούς ἀνθρώπους
- b.) ὁ ἄνθρωπος, οἱ ἄνθρωποι, nom.
τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, τῶν ἀνθρώπων,
genitive
τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ, τοῖς ἀνθρώποις,
dative
τόν ἀνθρώπον, τούς ἀνθρώπους,

b. τῆς ὅδος

- a) τῆς ὁδοῦ, τῆς ὁδῶν, τῆς ὁδῷ,
τὴν ὁδόν, αἷς ὁδοί. τῶν ὁδῶν,
ταῖς ~~τῆσ~~ ὁδοῖς, τάς ὁδοῦς
- b) τῆς ὁδοῦ, αἷς ὁδοί, nominative
τῆς ὁδοῦ, τῶν ὁδῶν, genitive
~~τῆς~~ τῆς ὁδῷ, ταῖς ὁδοῖς, dative.
τὴν ὁδόν, τάς ὁδοῦς, acc.

Attributive position

Any words which limit or depend upon a ~~word~~ noun (e.g. genitives, prepositional phrases, and adjectives) and which are preceded by an article which agrees in gender, number and case with that noun, are ~~to be said~~ said to be in the attributive position. There are three varieties of attributive position.

The three varieties:

① Words in the attributive position
can appear between the article
and the noun ~~the~~ with which it
agrees.

- a) $\text{oī Tōū , āsēlypōū lóyol}$
“The words of the brother”
- b) $\text{oī ēv tñ̄ xw̄pā āsēlypoi}$
“The brothers in the country”

② Sometimes the article is repeated
after the noun and the words in
the attributive position follow
the repeated article:

- a) $\text{oī lóyol oī Tōū āsēlypōū}$
“The words of the brother”
- b) $\text{oī āsēlypoi oī ēv tñ̄ xw̄pā}$
“The brothers in the country”

In the last two examples

When the article is repeated and
the words in the attributive

position follow it, greater emphasis is placed on the noun, and the words in the attributive position seem to come as an afterthought. To translate the last example given ~~is~~ above, as "the brothers, [I mean] the ones in the country", would be to exaggerate the effect, but it gives some idea of the two sentences.

- ③ Sometimes, the article does not appear before the noun, but only after it:

a) λόγοι οἱ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ

"Words, the ones of the brother"

b) ἀδελφοί οἱ ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ

"Brothers, the ones in the country"

In the last two examples the words in the attributive position are even more of an afterthought.

Use of the article

① The article is used in Greek to

= point out particular individuals

Ὥ ἀδελφός, "the brother"

τοῖς αὐτῷσι, "for the men"

② The article is used also with

generic classes

τοῖς αὐτῷσι, "for men"

③ The article is used with ~~the~~ abstract nouns

ἡ ἀρετή virtue

(The article of abstract nouns

is sometimes omitted in Greek,
as it is always in English)

④ The article can be used with names of persons famous or previously mentioned:

Ὀ' Ομήρος

⑤ Where the context makes it clear, the article can be used where English uses the possessive pronoun.

Ὀ' Ομήρος σταθεύει τὸν ἀδελφὸν; "Homer educates his brother"

Ὀ' Ομήρος σύπαττῷ ἀδελφῷ στένει; "Homer sends gifts to his brother"

⑥ The article is frequently left out with words that refer to something unique and well-known:

ἐν τῷ πόλει; "in the market place"

Word order

The basic grammatical relations of subject, verb and direct object are shown in Greek by the inflection of nouns and verbs; therefore, word order frequently expresses other things — such as emphasis, contrast, balance and variety. Consider the following variations of "Homer educates his brothers".

a) ὁ Ὄμηρος τὸν ἀδελφὸν
τάσσειε.

b) παῖςειε ὁ Ὄμηρος τὸν
ἀδελφόν.

c) τὸν ἀδελφὸν ὁ Ὄμηρος
τάσσειε.

The first example can be considered neutral word order. The subject more often than not ~~does~~ does precede the verb, as does the dir. ob.

The second example puts more emphasis on the verb and would be a good answer to the question, "What does Homer do?" The third example puts emphasis on the direct object and would be a good answer to the question, "Whom does Homer educate?" All in all, quite similar to German.

Drill IV - Translate

1. τούς αδελφούς, "the brother"
(as direct object)
2. ἐν τῇ νήσῳ, "on (lit. in) the island"
3. ἐν ~~ταῖς~~ νήσοις, "on (lit. in) islands"
4. τέχναι, "arts"
5. εἰς ἀγοράν, "into the market place"

- b. ἀδελφῶν, "of brothers"
- 7. τὴν τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ ψυχήν, "the soul of the brother" (as direct obj.)
- 8. τὴν ψυχήν τοῦ Ὁμέρου, "the soul of Homer" (as direct obj.)
- 9. Ἐργῷ, "for work / with work"
- 10. τὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν δῶρα, "the presents of the brothers"
- 11. τὰ δῶρα τὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν, "the presents, those of the brothers"
- 12. Τὰ τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς δῶρα, "the presents for the brothers"
- 13. δῶρα τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς, "presents for the brothers"
- 14. τὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν δῶρα τὰ τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, "the presents of the brothers for the men / people"
- 15. τὰ τοῖς θεοῖς δῶρα τὰ τῶν ανθρώπων, "The presents for the Gods of the men / people"

16. Tà Tō̄s ἀδελφῶ̄s δῶ̄pa Tà
Ἐν ἀγορᾷ, "the presents for
the brothers in the market
place"
17. Τὸν ἀδελφὸν ὁ Ὁμηρος ταῖσει,
"His brother ~~teach~~ Homer teaches
his brother"
18. ὁ ἀδελφός τὰ δῶ̄pa οὐ εἰς τὰς
νήσους στέψει, "The brother
sends the present to the island"

Exercises - Translation

- ① ὁ Ὁμηρος τὸν ἄνθρωπον ταῖσει,
"Homer teaches the man"
- ② ὁ Ὁμηρος ἀδελφός ταῖσει τὸν
ἄνθρωπον, "Homer's brother teaches
the man"
- ③ τὸν Ὁμηρον ταῖσει ὁ ἄνθρωπος
"The man teaches Homer"

④ Ὁμηρος τοὺς ἀνθρώπους διαδεύει.

"Homer teaches the men"

⑤ Ὁμηρος τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐν τῇ
ἀγορᾷ διαδεύει; "Homer teaches the
men in the market place"

⑥ δάστρηψός τοῦ Ὁμήρου διαδεύει
τοὺς ἀνθρώπους τοὺς ἐν τῇ ἀγορᾷ;
"Homer's brother ~~teach~~ teaches the
men in the market place"

⑦ ἐν ταῖς ἀγοραῖς τὰς τῶν ἀνθρώ-
πων ψυχὰς ὁ Ὁμηρος τοῖς
βιβλίοις διαδεύει; "Homer teaches
the souls of the people in the
marketplace with his books"

⑧ ὁ Θεὸς δῶρον τῷ διὸς Ὁμήρου
ἀστεύοτες ἀδελφῷ δένεται εἰς
τὴν χώραν, "The God sends gifts
to the brother of Homer into the
(his) country / land."

⑨ Ἅ"Ομηρε, οὐ Θεός τοῖς ἐν τῇ
χώρᾳ ἀνθρώποις δῶρα στένσει.
“ O Homer, the Goddess sends
gifts for the people of the
country”

⑩. Τὰ τῶν θεῶν δῶρα στένσει ὁ
τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀδελφός ἐκ τῆς
οἰκίας εἰς τὰς νήσους.
“The brother of the man sends
the presents of the Gods from
the house to the island”
(or “his house”)

⑪. ὅς ἐν τῇ νήσῳ ἀνθρώποις τοῖς
ἀδελφοῖς εἰς πάγην στένσει.
“The man on the island sends
his / the brothers into battle”

⑫. ὅς ἀδελφὸς δῶρα, τὰ βιβλία τὰ
τοῦ Ομήρου, στένσει εἰς τὰς
τῶν ἀνθρώπων οἰκίας.

"The brother sends gifts the books
of Homer, to the houses of the men"

⑬ ὁ ἀδελφός ὁ ὄμηρου βιβλίον ἐν
τῆς ἀγορᾶς εἰς τὴν νήσον σταύρει

"Homer's brother sends a book
from the market place to the
island"

⑭ ἐν τῇ οὐίᾳ ὁ ἄνθρωπος τὸν
ἀδελφὸν λόγων καὶ ἔργων
ταῦτα.

"In the house, the man teaches
his brother speech and work"

⑮ ὁ ἄνθρωπος τοὺς αδελφούς καὶ
λόγων καὶ ἔργων ταῦτα.

"The man teaches his brothers
both speech and work"

⑯ ὡς ἀδελφε, καὶ ἐν μάγη ὁ θεὸς τοὺς
ἄνθρωπούς τοὺς τοῦ ὄμηρου
ἀδελφούς, ταῦτα.

"O brother, even in battle,
God teaches the men, (namely)
The brothers of Homer"

(17) Ὥ θεοί, τοῖς λόγοις τραβεύει ὁ
Ὀμηλος τοῖς αὐθέντοις τοὺς ἐν
ταῖς ὅδοῖς.

"O gods, Homer teaches the men,
those in the street, with words"

(18) Ἐν ὅδῳ Ἐν Ἐξ ἀγοπᾶς εἰς
τὴν χώραν πρεντεῖ "Ὀμηλος
τὰ τοῖς αὐθέντοις δῶρα.

"Homer sends the presents to
the men by the road from
the market place into the
country"

(19) Τέχνη ναι τὸν ἀδελφὸν τραβεύει
ὁ Ὀμηλος.

"Homer teaches his brother
even art"

(20)

Ἐν τῇ τέχνῃ τοὺς αδελφὸν

Βιβλίων μαθεύει ὁ Ὄμηρος.

“Homer educates his brother in
the art with a book”

(21)

ὁ Ὄμηρος βιβλίους μαθεύει
τὸν αδελφὸν τὴν τέχνην.

“Homer teaches his brother the
art with a book”

(22)

ὅς θεὸς λόγους εἰς τὰς τῶν
ἀνθρώπων ψυχάς στέψεται.

“God sends words into the
soul of the man”

Translation English → Greek

① The god educates the men.

“ὅς θεὸς μαθεύει τοὺς ανθρώπους”

“ὅς θεὸς τοὺς ανθρώπους μαθεύει”

② The man sends Homer's brother
to the market place.

“ὅς ανθρώπος τὸν τοῦ Ὄμηρον
αδελφὸν εἰς τὴν αγοράν στέψεται”

- (3.) Man, Homer's brother sends to the gods a gift from the island.
- “὾ ἀνθρώπε, ὁ τοῦ Ὄμηρου
ἀδελφός θεοῖς ε τοῖς θεοῖς
ἐκ τῆς νήσου στέμνει”
- (4.) With his stories, Homer educates his brothers on the islands
- “ὁ Ὄμηρος τοῖς λόγοις τοὺς
ἐν τῇ νήσῳ αδελφούς τραβεῖ”

Unit 2- Verbs Introduction

Most verbs have

- ① Person
- ② Number
- ③ Tense (which can show aspect and time)
- ④ Mood
- ⑤ Voice

Complexed aspect

~~Present~~

Perfect tense

e "I have found"

Purperfect tense

e "I had found"

Future perfect tense

e "I will have

found"

Progressive aspect

Present tense

e "I am writing"

e "I am writing"

Imperfect tense

e "I used to call"

Future tense

e "I know you"

e "I will be writing"

Simple Aspect

Present

Aorist tense

e "I eat"

Future

Past indicative augment

In the indicative mood, the secondary tenses of the verb, those which express past time, receive the past indicative augment. This consists of the vowel "ε-" prepended to the appropriate stem where that stem begins with a consonant.

The past indicative augment is the sign of a factual statement or question in past time.

Verbs' principal parts

The minimum number of forms which one must know in order to generate all possible forms of a verb are called the principal parts.

The Greek verb has six principal parts and all must be learnt whenever a new ~~verb~~ verb is encountered.

From these six forms, ~~six~~ according to the rules which will be ~~be~~ presented below, various tense stems are derived. To these sets, various endings are added in order to produce all possible forms of a verb.

Here are the principal parts of a Greek verb.

- ① $\sigma\tau\alpha\beta\epsilon\mu\omega$, I educate
Present indicative active
- ② $\sigma\tau\alpha\beta\epsilon\omega\eta\omega$, I shall educate
Future indicative active
- ③ $\tilde{\sigma}\tau\alpha\beta\epsilon\eta\omega\eta$, I educated
Aorist indicative active
- ④ $\sigma\tau\epsilon\sigma\tau\alpha\beta\epsilon\eta\omega\eta$, I have educated
~~Perf~~ Perfect indicative active
- ⑤ $\sigma\tau\epsilon\tilde{\tau}\alpha\beta\epsilon\eta\omega\eta$, I have been educated

⑥ ΕΣΤΑΣΕΙΘΟΝ

I was educated, Aorist indicative
passive

Present indicative Active

To form the present indicative active, obtain the present tense stem by dropping the ending "ω" from the Principal Part I and add the following endings:

<u>1st ps.</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
<u>1st ps.</u>	-ω	-ΟΙΕΙ
<u>2nd. ps.</u>	-εις	-ΕΤΕ
<u>3rd. ps.</u>	-ει	-ΟΥΩΙ(ν)

Note:

The letter "ι", called un-movable, may be added to certain endings of nouns and verbs when the following word begins with a vowel or at the end of a sentence.

Hence form in paradigms this letter,
which may be added to the third
person plural ending above, will be
indicated in parentheses. The present
indicative forms of "ταῦθείνω"
are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	ταῦθείνω	ταῦθείνομεν
2nd.	ταῦθείνεις	ταῦθείνετε
3rd.	ταῦθείνεται	ταῦθείνουσιν

Remember that the accent of most
verbs is recessive ☺

Imperfect indicative tense

To form this tense, ~~be~~ prefix the
past indicative augment "Ξ-" to
the present tense stem. To that
stem, add the following endings:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	-OV	-OPĒV
2nd.	-ES	-ETĒ
3rd.	-E(V)	-OV

The augmented present tense stem of *staθeūw* is *ἜSTAθE-*, and the forms of the imperfect indicative are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	ἜSTAθEVOV	ἜSTAθEŪOPĒV
2nd	ἜSTAθEUES	ἜSTAθEŪETĒ
3rd	ἜSTAθEUE(V)	ἜSTAθEOV

Future indicative active

To form this, obtain the future tense stem by dropping the "-w" from Principal Part II and add the same endings as were employed in forming the present indicative.

Thus, the future tense stem of "ταῦθεν" is "ταῦθενο-" and the forms of the future indicative active are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	ταῦθενώ	ταῦθενόνεν
2nd.	ταῦθενόεις	ταῦθενόετε
3rd.	ταῦθενόει	ταῦθενόνος(υ)

Aorist indicative active

To form the aorist indicative active, drop the ending from principal part III. There remains the aorist tense stem together with the pre-fixed past indicative augment. To this augmented aorist tense stem add...:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st	-α	-ανεν
2nd	-ας	-ατε
3rd	-ε(υ)	-αν

Thus the augmented aorist tense stem
of "σταθεύω" ~~is~~ is "ἔσταθεύ-

And the forms of the aorist indicative active are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st	ἔσταθεύσα	ἔσταθεύσανεν
2nd	ἔσταθεύσας	ἔσταθεύσατε
3rd	ἔσταθεύσε(ν)	ἔσταθεύσαν

Observation:

Compare the endings of the aorist indicative active with those of the present and imperfect indicative active.

Note that, except for the third person singular, all of the aorist indicative active endings begin with the ~~aorist~~ tense vowel "-ά" instead of the thematic vowel ε/ο. All of the sets of endings seen so far use the person markers -s, -μεν and -τε.

τὰ τῶν θεῶν ἔργα τοὺς ἀδελφάς
τραίσειεν.

"The deeds of the gods educate men"

Questions

Questions are indicated either by a simple question mark or the introductory word *Ἔπει*.

This is quite similar to Hindi's ~~क्या~~ (~~क्या तुम ... हो ?~~).

Infinitives and their use

The Greek verb has non-finite forms which do not specify person or number. One of these is the infinitive, which can usually be translated by the English infinitive ("to be").

The infinitive only has tense and voice; its function is to name a verbal action.

Present Infinitive Active

To form this infinitive, add “-ELV” to the present tense stem. The ~~infinitive~~ present active infinitive of “STABEW” is thus “STABE~~W~~ELV”. “to educate” This infinitive is in the active voice (cf. the infinitive passive “to be educated”) and is in the present tense. But in the infinitive, the present tense does not indicate time but aspect only; its aspect is always progressive / repeated.

Aorist Infinitive Active

To form this infinitive, obtain the unaugmented aorist tense stem by dropping from Principal Part III both the ending “-a” and the augment “+ ē”; to this stem, add the ending “-au”

Agreement of subject and verb

When a noun or pronoun in the nominative case accompanies the verb in order to specify more clearly or emphatically the subject, that noun or pronoun becomes the only subject and overrides the less definitive information conveyed by the verb form ~~is~~ itself.

παύσειν → He / she / it educates
οἱ ἄνθρωποι παύσειν → The
men educate.

- ⇒ A singular (pro-) noun requires a singular verb; a plural one requires a plural verb.
- ⇒ But neuter plural nouns take singular verbs:
οἱ ἄνθρωποι τοὺς αἰτηγούσους παύσεινουσι.

"The men educate their brothers"

In the aorist infinitive active is always accented on the penult. The accent on this verbal form is not recessive.

Thus, the unaugmented aorist tense stem of "τάσειν" is "τάσευ-", and the aorist infinitive active is:

τάσευσαι

to educate

In the aorist infinitive active, as in the present infinitive active, tense does not indicate time but aspect only. The aorist infinitive active has simple aspect: "to educate (once and for all)". Contrast this to the ~~present~~ previously discussed infinitive which has progressive aspect: "to educate (habitually)". Note that the English infinitive can be equivalent to either of these depending on context.

Use of the infinitive

Greek employs the infinitive just as English does with certain ~~verb~~ verbs of ordering or commanding. One such Greek verb is "κελεύω" (order, command). The Greek infinitive can, where appropriate, take an indirect or ~~the~~ direct object.

Perfect Indicative Active

To form the perfect indicative active, obtain its stem by dropping the ending "-a" from Principal Part IV and adding the following endings:

	S.	P.
1st	-a	-αμέν
2nd	-as	-ατε
3rd	-ε(ν)	-αοι(ν)

Thus, the perfect active indicative stem is ~~καθέων~~ κατέβην- and its conjugated as follows:

1st STESTAÍSENNA

2nd STESTAÍSENNUAS

3rd STESTAÍSENNE(U)

1st. STESTAISENNAPIEW

2nd. STESTAISENNAATE

3rd. STESTAISENNAAO(U)

Observations

- ① This tense ~~suffixed~~ indicates an action complete from the point of view of present time, e.g. STESTAÍSENNA, "I have (now) educated". The time is present; the aspect completed.
- ② The endings of this tense are identical with those of the aorist indicative active ~~EXCEPT~~ except in the third person plural. STESTAISENNAAO(U) → EStaíSENNAO

③ Many perfect tense stems are formed by reduplicating the initial consonant of the present tense stem with the letter -e- inserted between the two, e.g. STESTAÍSNUA (staisnuw), TÉLNUA (tūw). There are patterns for the formation of the perfect tense stem, but they are not predictable.

Pluperfect Indicative Active

To form this tense, add the past indicative augment ē- to the perfect active tense stem and add the following endings:

	S	P.
1st	-η	- EHEN
2nd	- ηS	- EHE
3rd	- εUW)	- EOAV

Observations

- ① The pluperfect indicative active indicates an action completed from the point of view of the past: e.g. ESTESTAßEWN -> "I had (by then) educated".
The time of the tense is past;
the aspect completed.
- ② With the exception of -e of the third person singular, the tense vowel of the pluperfect indicative active shows an alternation between -η- in the singular and -ε- in the plural.

Perfect Infinitive Active

To form the perfect infinitive active, add to the perfect active tense stem the ending -EVN.

Thus, the perfect infinitive active of
staðew is

STESTAÐSENUÉVAL

to have educated

The perfect infinitive active is always
accented on the penult.

Like other infinitives learnt so far,
the tense of the perfect infinitive
shows aspect only, not time.

Compare:

STAÐSENU to be educating
(progressive aspect)

STAÐSEW to ~~educate~~ educate
(simple aspect)

STESTAÐSENUÉVAL to have educated
(completed aspect)

Subjunctive and Optative Moods

Present Subjunctive Active

The subjunctive and optative, in contrast to the indicative, show that the speaker views the action as non-factual, i.e. non-indicative. The translation of subjunctives and optatives varies greatly depending upon the type of clause they appear in.

The first type of ~~the~~ clause the subjunctive and optative appear in is the "purpose clause".

The tense of a ~~the~~ subjunctive or optative does not indicate factual time, but only aspect.

The present tense shows progressive aspect; the aorist simple aspect; and the perfect tense a completed aspect.

Of these three, the perfect is rarely used and will thus not be discussed.

To form the present subjunctive,

active, add the following endings =
to the present tense stem:

S

1st - w

P

- WHEN

2nd - ηs

- ηTE

3rd - η

- WOU(V)

Observations:

- ① The endings of the subjunctive active are the same as those of the present indicative active, except that, where possible, the thematic vowel of the ending has been lengthened. In the second and third person singular endings, when the -e- of the -ει- is lengthened to -η-, the

-l- ~~is~~ becomes an iota subscript.
Note that, when the -e- of the
second person plural ending
~~-ετε~~ -ετε is lengthened to
-η, there is no iota subscript.

② The first person singular of
the present subjunctive active
has the same form as the
first person singular of the
present indicative active.

Context ~~usually~~ usually
usually helps to distinguish
between the two.

Aorist Subjunctive Active

Add to the unaugmented aorist
tense stem the following endings:

S.

P.

1st -ω

-ωΜΕΝ

2nd -ησ

-ηΤΕ

3rd -η

-ωΩ(ν)

Observations

- ① Both subjunctives discussed use the same set of endings
- ② The past indicative augment is not used in the aorist subjunctive
- ③ There is no future ~~subj~~ subjunctive

Present Optative Active

Add the following endings to the present tense stem:

S.

D.

1st. -OUL

-OYEN

2nd. -OLS

-OLTE

3rd. -OL

-OLEN

Observations

- ① Note that all the endings of the present optative begin with the diphthong -OL-.

Compare the following first person plural forms:

Pres. Ind. Act. : STAUSeVONEN

Pres. Subj. Act. : STAUSeVWEN

Pres. Opt. Act. : STAUSeVOLVEN

③ The diphthong -OL- in the third person singular of the present active optative counts as long for purposes of accentuation.

Aorist Optative Active

Add the following endings to the unaugmented & aorist tense stem:

S.

P.

1st. -aVL -ALVEN

2nd -a~~as~~/-eas -ATE^E

3rd -au / -ELE(v) -AEN / -EAN

Observations

- ① the past indicative augment is not used in the aorist optative
- ② Note that, with the exception of the alternative forms, all the endings of the aorist optative active begin with the diphthong -ai-; compare:
 - Ao. Ind. Act. : ēSTADEWAPEN
 - Ao. Sub. Act. : STADEWOPEN
 - Ao. Opt. Act. : STADEWALPEN
 - Pres. Opt. Act. : STADEWOPEN
- ③ The final -ai counts as a long vowel for purposes of accentuation.
- ④ The alternative forms have no distinction in meaning, but both were commonly used; hence, both must be learnt.