

# Getting Started

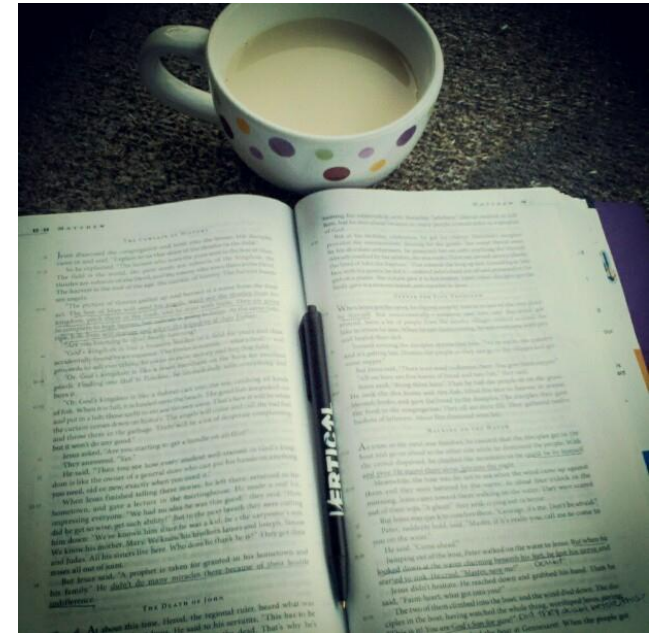
Yes, you can learn Greek!

A lesson for the *Paideia* web-app  
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# Why Learn Greek?

- To hear scripture clearly
  - translations are not inspired
  - every English translation is an interpretation
  - good enough for many purposes
  - but God's voice is "muffled"
- To understand differences between translations
- To understand commentaries
- To meditate in a fresh way on God's Word



# Can I Really Learn Greek?

- Yes you can!
  - you're not too old or too young
  - you're not too bad at languages
  - you don't need a great memory
  - anyone can learn it



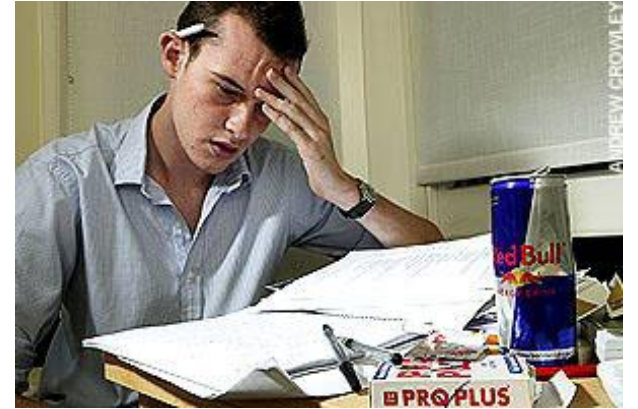
# Can I Really Learn Greek?

- Yes you can!
- What does it take?
  - be consistent
  - be patient
  - be realistic



# Why Do People Find Greek So Hard?

- In North America, many of us have never learned another language
  - We have built it up in our minds into an impossible task
  - French or Spanish at school may have just convinced us it's impossible



# Why Do People Find Greek So Hard?

- In North America, many of us have never learned another language
- Standard classroom methods don't suit everyone
  - Require a high degree of discipline and motivation
  - Require that we already know how to memorize
  - Learning is separated from regular *use* of what we're learning



# How Paideia Works

- Designed to meet the needs of a broader range of students
- Provides a fun, low-intensity environment
  - no tests or quizzes
  - mistakes aren't penalized
  - students move at their own pace
  - a town setting makes the interactions interesting



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- Provides a fun, low-intensity environment
- Simplifies language learning
  - a "one stop" solution
  - no need to make flash cards
  - no need to memorize complex paradigms
  - just one place to go - the program figures out what you need to do!





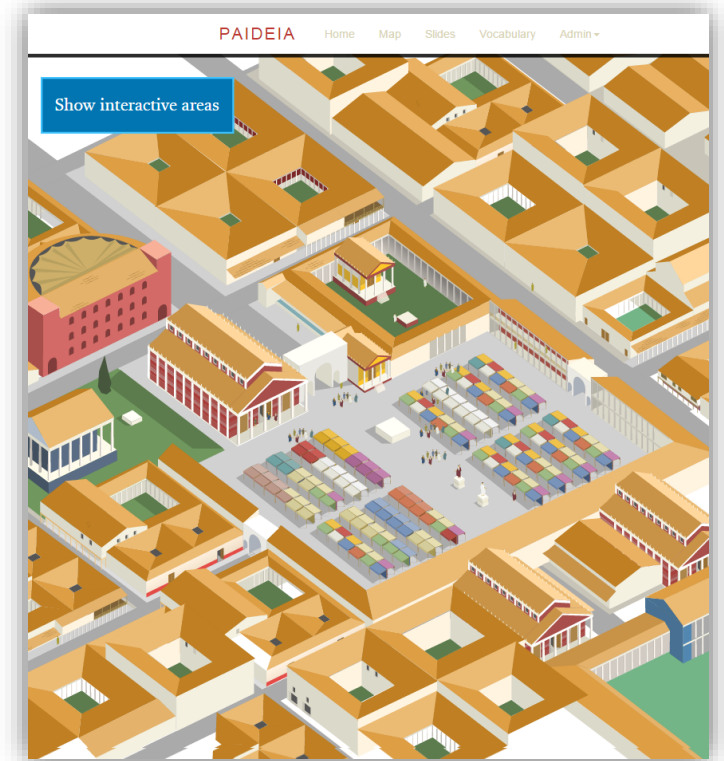
# How Paideia Works

- Designed to meet the needs of a broader range of students
- Provides a fun, low-intensity environment
- Simplifies language learning
- Fits the way we learn languages
  - regular, short interactions instead of occasional "cram" sessions
  - use of the language in a conversational setting
  - immediate feedback
  - opportunity to correct mistakes right away



# So What Do I Do?

- Each day, log on and go to the "map"
  - click on the "hot spots" on the map to visit a location
  - talk (type) with the townspeople you meet there
  - just follow the townspeople's instructions
  - that's it!



# So What Do I Do?

- Each day, log on and go to the "map"
- The townspeople will tell you when it's time to . . .
  - start learning some new aspects of Greek (badges)
  - come and view some more slide sets
  - call it quits for the day (though you can always keep going!)
- That's it!



# Badges, Sets, and Levels

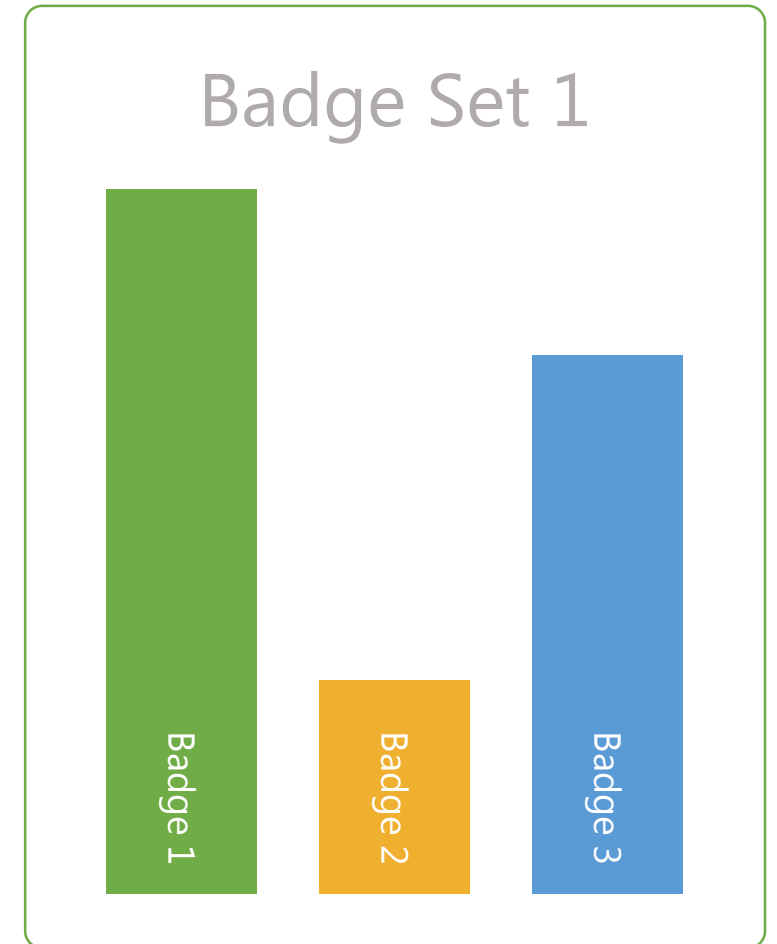
- Each part of Greek has a badge
- With each badge you progress through four levels
  - Like in the trades
    - Beginner (level 1)
    - Apprentice (level 2)
    - Journeyman (level 3)
    - Master (level 4)
  - Each badge 'levels up' independently

Badge levels earned			
level 4	master	31	<div>verbal skills</div> <div>nominative 1</div> <div>non-verbal</div> <div>verbal action</div> <div>genitive personal pronouns</div> <div>additive</div> <div>transitive clauses</div> <div>clause basics</div> <div>numero uno</div> <div>close pointer</div> <div>alphabet basics</div> <div>alphabet (intermediate)</div> <div>alphabet (advanced)</div> <div>alphabet (diphthongs and capitals)</div> <div>professional nouns</div>
level 3	journeyman	5	<div>adjectives of substance</div> <div>Doctor "who"</div> <div>possessive genes</div> <div>interrogator</div> <div>genitive 1</div>
level 2	apprentice	10	<div>adjectives</div> <div>adjective positions</div> <div>multiple nominations</div> <div>relational genes</div> <div>genitive 2</div> <div>genitive plural</div> <div>knows some adjectives</div> <div>3rd declension ninja</div> <div>ethnic adjectives</div> <div>first verbs</div>
level 1	beginner	4	<div>accusative 1</div> <div>infinite form</div> <div>imperial imperative</div> <div>contract worker</div>



# Badges, Sets, and Levels

- Each part of Greek has a badge
- With each badge you progress through four levels
- Badges are gathered into sets
  - You progress through the badge sets in a fixed order

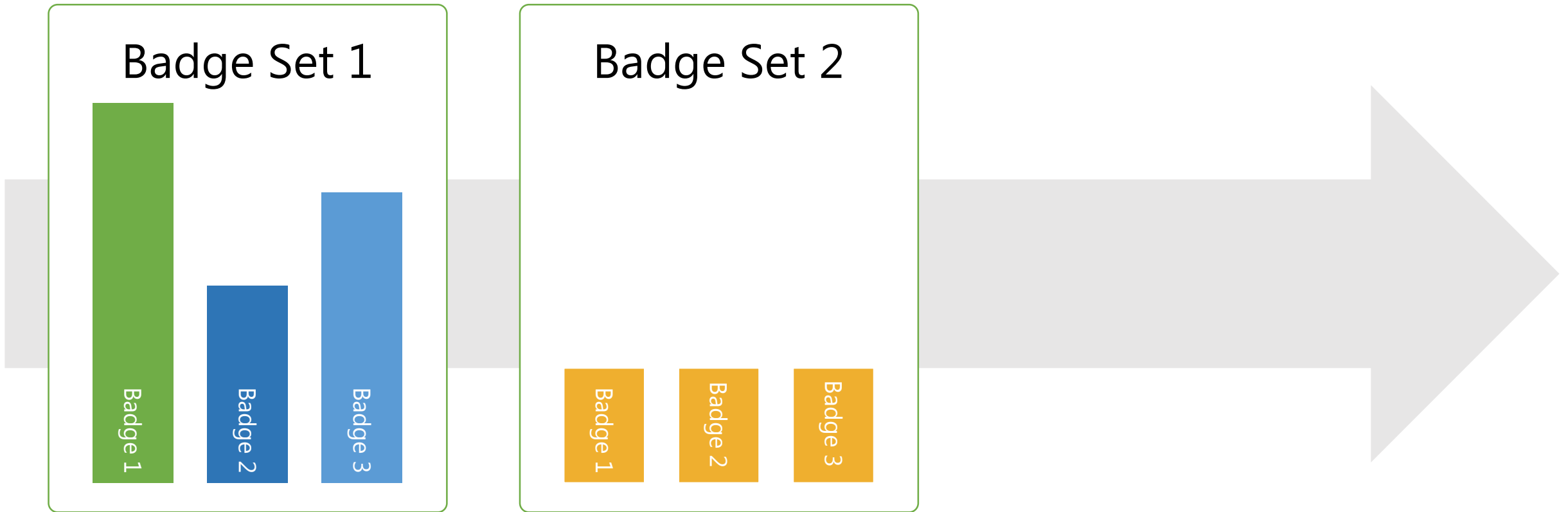


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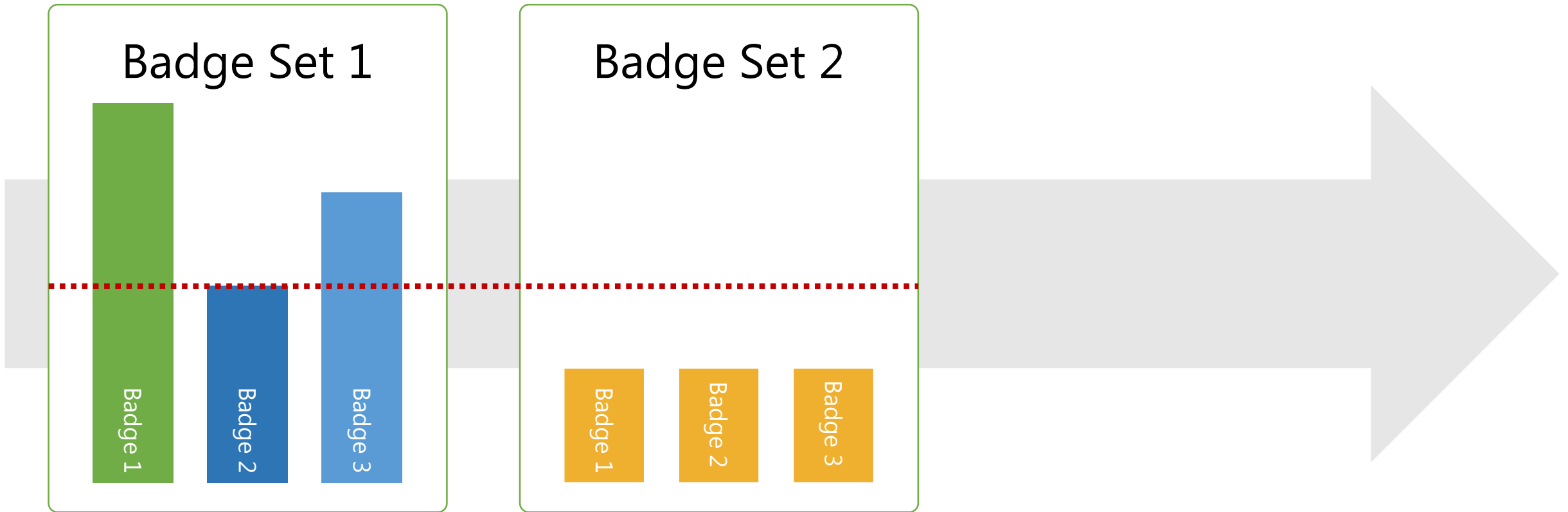
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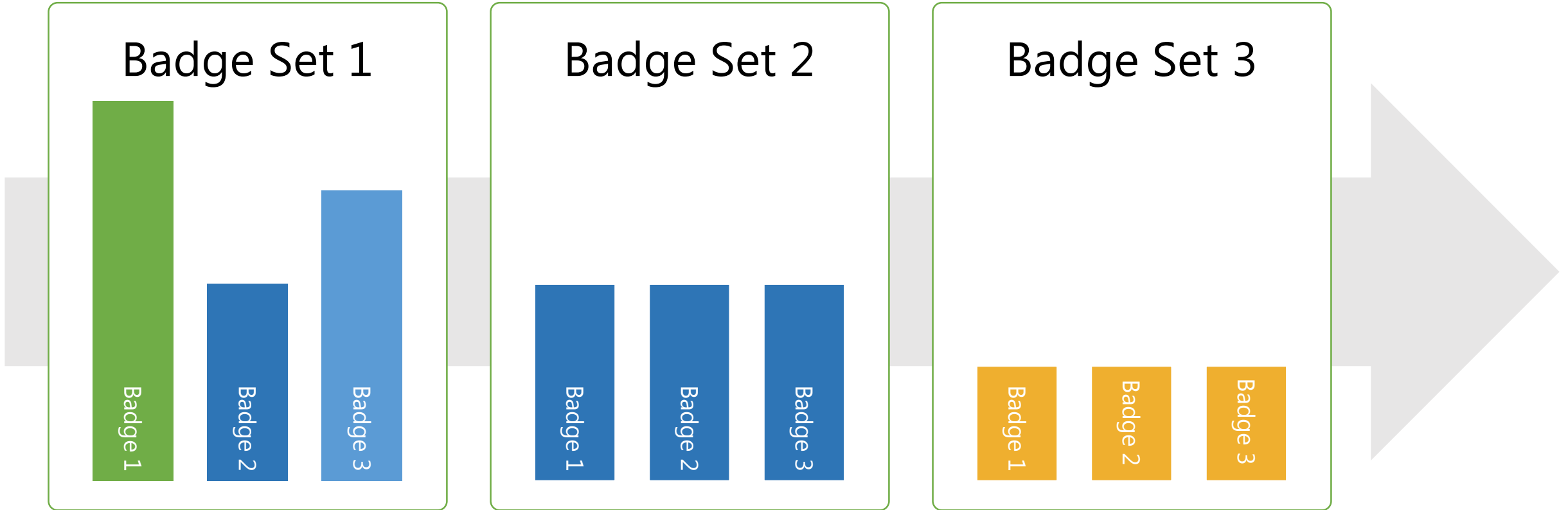


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- Moving on to the next badge set
  - All badges in your current set have reached “Apprentice” level
- Advancing to “Apprentice” level in a badge
  - Demonstrate a good initial mastery of that part of Greek
  - How is that measured? Two independent ways:
    1. Go for a full day (24 hours) without making any mistakes on that badge
    2. 7/10 of your responses for that badge are right over one week



# I Want to Learn More

- You can find more encouragement and strategies for learning Greek here:
  - Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek*, Chapter 1



Some of Mounce's advice about how to study languages is not as applicable when you are learning with Paideia.



# If you really, really want some flash cards

- I recommend the free program [Anki](#)
  - uses a similar "spaced repetition" approach to the one used by this app
  - free clients for any operating system (including Linux!)
  - free cloud syncing of your decks and progress
  - free web-interface for studying your decks in a web browser
  - paid apps for iPhone/iPad and Android that also sync with your desktop app and the web



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- I recommend the free program [Anki](http://ankisrs.net/)
  - download at <http://ankisrs.net/>
- If you use Anki, consider supporting it
  - donate to the developer
  - buy one of the paid mobile apps
  - no, I'm not connected with him at all - I just know what goes into developing free software!

