

Your First Greek Words

Getting Started on Your Greek Vocabulary

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My Slide Heading

- You can already sound out many Greek words

τυπος

τομος



Greek Is Everywhere In English

- Common patterns
 - Letter υ becomes "y" in English (not "u")
 - Endings often dropped off or shortened
 - τυπος becomes "type"



Greek Is Everywhere In English

- Common patterns
 - Endings often replaced
 - -ια becomes "-y" in English
 - Often two words compounded
 - θεος + λογος = theology
 - μονος + γαμος = monogamy
 - τοπος + γραφη = topography



Greek Is Everywhere In English

- Most medical terms are Greek
 - τομος, "cutting"
 - lobotomy (λοβος, "lobe" or "pod")
 - ιατρος, "doctor, healer"
 - podiatrist (ποδος, "concerning a foot")
 - psychiatrist (ψυχη, "mind, soul")



Greek Is Everywhere In English

- Greek prefixes common on English words
 - *μεγας*, "big, large"
 - megastore
 - megastar
 - megachurch
 - *μικρος*, "small, tiny"
 - microscope
 - microprocessor
 - microwave



Words You Will Use Right Away

- Answering "yes" or "no"
 - ναι, "yes"
 - εὐγε, "alright, ok"
 - οὐ, "no"
 - οὐχ before a vowel



Words You Will Use Right Away

- Feedback from the townspeople
 - καλον, "good, well done"
 - κακον, "bad, poorly done"
 - ου κακον, "not bad!"



Words You Will Use Right Away

- Conjunctions: connecting words
 - Connecting sentences, clauses, phrases
- Five basic conjunctions
 - και, "and"
 - Opening a sentence: "so," "then," "next," etc.
 - τε, "and"
 - δε, "and" or "but"
 - ἀλλὰ, "but, but rather"
 - ἢ, "or"
 - Don't confuse with ἡ, "the"
 - ἢ...ἢ..., "Either...or..."

