

"How" and "Why"

Asking More Kinds of Questions

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More Kinds of Questions

- So far we've learned how to ask several kinds of questions
 - Τί / Τίς (What?/Who?)
 - Ποσος (How much/many?)
 - Που (Where?)
 - Ποτε (When?)



Asking "How?"

- We often need to ask 'how' something is done
- $\pi\omega\varsigma$, "How?"
 - like most question words, starts with π
 - another interrogative adverb
- Word order in 'how' questions
 - $\pi\omega\varsigma$ usually starts the clause



Asking "How?"

- Examples

- Πως τον υῖον σου εὑρες;
• "How did you find your son?"

- Πως ἦλθες ὧδε;
• "How did you come here?"



Other Uses of Πως

- Can just mean 'how' without being interrogative
 - Ἀλεξάνδρος μοι εἶπεν [πὼς οἶκον καινὸν ἀγοράζεις].
 - "Alexander told me how you are buying a new house."
- Μὴ πὼς, "lest, or else, so that X does not"
 - Μὴ εἶπε, μὴπὼς Μαρία σου ἀκουσῇς.
 - "Don't speak, so that Maria will not hear you."
- In idiom πὼς δεῖ + inf, "how X should"
 - Μαρία εἶπεν σοι πὼς δεῖ φερεῖν τὴν τροφήν.
 - "Maria told you how you should carry the food."



Asking Why?

- We already know the word "why?": τί
- τί can mean either "what?" or "why?"
 - Short for δια τί, "because of what?, for what reason?"
 - So τίς never means "why?"
- How can we tell whether τί means "what" or "why"?
 - Infer it's meaning from context
 - Try to understand the question both ways
- Examples
 - Τί ἦλθετε εἰς Ἱεροσολυμην; "Why did you go to Jerusalem?"
 - Τί ἄρτον Φοιβη ποιει; "Why is Phoebe making bread?"



Answering "Why?" Questions

- Explaining the purpose: **εἰς το** + inf.
 - Ἦλθον τῇ Ἱεροσολυμῇ εἰς το βλέπειν τὴν ἀδελφὴν μου.
 - "... **in order to** see my sister."
- Explaining the cause: **δια το** + inf.
 - Φοιβὴ ἄρτον ποιεῖ δια το κελεῦειν Μαριαν αὐτὴν.
 - "... **because** Maria ordered her to."
- Explaining the cause: **ὅτι** clause
 - Φοιβὴ ἄρτον ποιεῖ ὅτι ἐκέλευσεν Μαρία αὐτὴν.
 - "... **because** Maria ordered her to."

