

Mt Verbs

The Non-conformists

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Meeting μι Verbs

- There is one set of verbs that look very different from the ones we've learned
 - 1st person singular ends in -μι instead of -ω
- As usual, these irregular verbs are very common

I give	διδωμι
I set	τιθημι
I stand	ἵστημι
I say	φημι
I forgive	ἀφίημι
I show	δεικνυμι



Finding the Real Stem

- Like 3rd declension nouns, MI verbs don't show their real stem right away
 - But things make more sense if you know it
- Outside the present tense the real stem will be used
 - Remember: the more common a form is, the more irregular!

Present tense form	Real stem
διδωμι	δο-
τιθημι	θε-
ἵστημι	στα-
φημι	φε-
ἄφημι	ἄφιε-
δεικνυμι	δεικνυ-



Μι Verb Endings (Present Active Indicative)

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	-μι	-μεν
2 nd person	-ς	-τε
3 rd person	-σι(ν)	-ασι(ν)



Mi Verb Endings (Present Active Indicative)

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	- ο μι	- ο μεν
2 nd person	- ο ς	- ο τε
3 rd person	- ο σι(ν)	- ο ασι(ν)



Common Ml Verbs

- δίδωμι, "I give"

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	διδ <u>ω</u> <u>μι</u>	διδ <u>ο</u> <u>μεν</u>
2 nd person	διδ <u>ω</u> <u>ς</u>	διδ <u>ο</u> <u>τε</u>
3 rd person	διδ <u>ω</u> <u>σι</u>	διδ <u>ο</u> <u>ασι(ν)</u>



Common Μι Verbs

- τιθημι, "I put, set"

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	τιθημι	τιθεμεν
2 nd person	τιθης	τιθετε
3 rd person	τιθησι	τιθεασι(ν)



Common Μι Verbs

- *ίστημι*, "I stand, I set up"

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	ίσημι	ίσταμεν
2 nd person	ίστης	ίστατε
3 rd person	ίστησι	ίστασι(ν)



Common Mi Verbs

- δεικνυμι, "I show, display"

Singular

Plural

1st person

δεικνυμι

δεικνυμεν

2nd person

δεικνυς
or δεικνυεις

δεικνυτε

3rd person

δεικνυσι

δεικνυασι(ν)



Common Mi Verbs

- ἀφίημι, "I release, forgive"

	Singular	Plural
1 st person	ἀφίημι	ἀφιεμεν
2 nd person	ἀφίης	ἀφιετε
3 rd person	ἀφίησι	ἀφιε <u>σα</u> (ν)



Verbs that Repeat Themselves

- The beginning of the "real stem" is doubled in some MI verbs
 - $\theta\epsilon \rightarrow \underline{\tau\iota}\theta\eta\mu\iota$
 - $\delta\omicron \rightarrow \underline{\delta\iota}\delta\omega\mu\iota$
 - "Reduplication"
- Sometimes the reduplication is hidden
 - A rough breathing can be the remains of a hidden σ
 - $\sigma\tau\alpha \rightarrow \underline{\sigma\iota}\sigma\tau\eta\mu\iota \rightarrow \acute{\iota}\sigma\tau\eta\mu\iota$
 - apparently Greeks found the combination $\sigma\iota\sigma\tau$ hard to pronounce!



Mi Verbs in the Infinitive Mood

- Ending attached to the present stem without connecting vowel
- The ending **-ναι** used instead of **-ειν**
 - τιθημι -> τιθε**ναι**
 - δίδωμι -> δίδο**ναι**
 - ἀφίημι -> ἀφιε**ναι**
- With the odd exception
 - δεικνυμι -> δεικνυ**ειν**



Mi Verbs in the Imperative Mood

- Ending attached to the present stem without connecting vowel

διδωμι

2nd person

3rd person

Singular

Plural

διδου

διδο + ε

διδοτε

διδοτω

διδοτωσαν



Μι Verbs in the Imperative Mood

- Ending attached to the present stem without connecting vowel

τιθημι

2nd person

Singular

τιθη
τιθε + ε

Plural

τιθετε

3rd person

τιθετω

τιθετωσαν



Μι Verbs in the Imperative Mood

- Ending attached to the present stem without connecting vowel

ἀφίημι

2nd person

Singular

Plural

ἀφίη

ἀφιε + ε

ἀφιετε

3rd person

ἀφιετω

ἀφιετωσαν



Μι Verbs in the Imperative Mood

- Ending attached to the present stem without connecting vowel

δεικνυμι

2nd person

3rd person

Singular

Plural

δεικνυε

δεικνυτε

δεικνυτω

δεικνυτωσαν



Keep Learning

- You can learn more about μι verbs here:
 - Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek* (3rd edition)
 - μι verbs in the present active indicative, 34.1-34.8 (pp. 319-321)
 - imperative of μι verbs, 35.2 (pp. 326-327)
 - infinitive of μι verbs, 35.3 (p. 327)

