

Asking “Where” Questions

Finding Your Way in Greek

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- So far we have learned to ask questions with τίς
 - Allows us to ask "what?" or "who?"
 - We need other words to ask "where" something is.



Talking about Location

- The basic word to talk about "where" something is: οὗ
 - A spatial adverb
 - Can act like a relative pronoun

Οὗτος |is| ὁ τοπος [οὗ ζωμεν].

This is the place where we live.



Asking "Where"

- To turn "where" into "where?" add a **π** on the front
 - A common pattern with adverbs
 - **π** often makes an adverb interrogative
- **που**, "where?"
 - The interrogative spatial adverb
 - interrogative (asking a question)
 - spatial (having to do with space)
 - With or without motion

Που |is| Άλεξανδρος;
Where is Alexander?

Που βαινει Άλεξανδρος;
Where is Alexander going?



Intensifying the Question with 'Οπου

- There are other similar prefixes that can be added to adverbs
- **όπου**, "where"
 - Like **ού** (relative sense)
 - Like **που** (interrogative sense)
 - "to where?" (destination)
 - "from where?" (origin)

Βλεπω [όπου βαινει Άλεξανδρος].
I see **where** is Alexander going?

Όπου |is| Άλεξανδρος;
Where is Alexander?



Figuring Out New Adverbs

- If you recognize an adverb in a new word, you can often figure out its meaning
- πανταχου = "everywhere"
 - παντα + ου



Here and There

- Often to answer a "where" question we need to say "here" or "there"
 - The "near" and "far" demonstrative spatial adverbs
 - Like the "near" and "far" demonstrative pronouns ("this" and "that")
- ὧδε, "here"
 - Resembles οὗτος
- ἐκεῖ, "there"
 - Resembles ἐκεῖνος, "that"
 - far demonstrative pronoun
 - opposite of οὗτος, -η, -ον, "this"

Ἀλεξάνδρος οὐ **is** Ἀντιοχῇ ὧδε.

Alexander is not here in Antioch.

Αὐτός **is** ἐκεῖ Ἱερουσολύμη.

He is there in Jerusalem.



Adding a Sense of Motion

- The suffix **-θεν** adds the idea of "motion away from" to a spatial adverb
- **όθεν**, "from here, away"
 - ού + **θεν**
- **έκειθεν**, "from there"
 - **έκει** + **θεν**

Ἀλεξάνδρος |is| νυν ἐκεῖ, ἐκεῖθεν δε ὧδε βαίνει.

Alexander is there now, but he is moving here from there.

