

# Geography

## More Greek Vocabulary

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# The Waters

- ἡ θάλασσα, "sea, lake"
  - can be salt or fresh water
  - often used for the Sea of Galilee
  - also used for the Mediterranean, ἡ μεγάλη θαλασσα
- ἡ λίμνη, "lake, pond, pool"
  - generally smaller than a θαλασσα
- ὁ ποταμός, "river, stream"
  - English: hippopotamus (ἵππος-ποταμος = "horse of the river")
- ἡ πηγή, "spring"
  - can be used metaphorical for a wound



# Cultivation and Agriculture

- ἡ χώρα, "district, area, region"
  - the area of cultivated land that supported a πολις
  - most land would be owned by city dwellers
  - το χωρίον, "place; estate" (το χωρίον Γεθσημανί)
- ἡ κώμη, "village, small town"
  - usually inhabited by the tenant farmers working the estates of the χωρα
  - such villages lacked defensive walls, unlike most πολεις
- ὁ ἀγρός, "field, cultivated land"
  - also "country, countryside" as opposed to the city
  - ἀγρο- = "wild, rural; stupid, rude"
  - ὁ ἀγροτηρ or ὁ ἀγροτης, "rural person, country dweller" ("hick")



# Cultivation and Agriculture

- ὁ κήπος, "garden, park"
  - not in the narrow sense of a "vegetable garden"
  - any richly tended agricultural space
  - often enclosed
- το γεώργιον, "orchard, field"
  - ὁ γεωργός, "farmer, tenant, peasant"
  - γεωργέω, "I farm, work the land, tend animals; I till, cultivate"



# Feminine with 2nd Declension Endings

- A set of unusual feminine nouns
  - takes feminine articles (ἡ, τῆς, etc.)
  - but takes 2<sup>nd</sup> declension endings (as if masculine)
- ἡ ἄμμος, "sand; beach, shore, sandy land"
  - often used for a "racecourse" which would be sandy
- ἡ νῆσος, "island"
- ἡ τρίβος, "track, trail, path"
- ἡ ἐρήμος, "desert, wilderness"
  - actually the substantive form of the adjective meaning "desolate, isolated"



# Third Declension Neuters with E

- A 3rd declension pattern
  - neuter
  - nom. stem ends in -ος (deceptive)
  - E connecting vowel
  - gen.: ε + ος = ους
- το ὄρος, "mountain, high hill"
  - nom. plur.: ε + α = η
- το μέρος, "part, share, portion"
  - can also mean "region, area"

	singular	plural
nom.	ὄρος μέρος	ὄρη μερ <del>ε</del> α
gen.	ὄρ <del>ο</del> υς μερ <del>ο</del> υς	ὄρ(ε)ων μερ(ε)ων
dat.	ὄρ <del>ει</del> μερ <del>ει</del>	ὄρ <del>ε</del> σι μερ <del>ε</del> σι
acc.	ὄρος μέρος	ὄρη μερ <del>ε</del> α
voc.	ὄρος μέρος	ὄρη μερ <del>ε</del> α

