# Your First Greek Words

Getting Started on Your Greek Vocabulary

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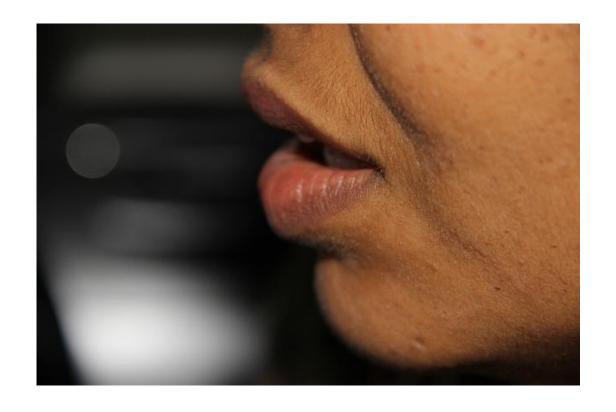


# My Slide Heading

 You can already sound out many Greek words

τυπος

τομος





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





- Common patterns
  - Endings often replaced
    - -ια becomes "-y" in English
  - Often two words compounded
    - $\theta \epsilon \circ \varsigma + \lambda \circ \gamma \circ \varsigma = \text{theology}$
    - μονος + γαμος = monogamy
    - τοπος + γραφη = topography





- Most medical terms are Greek
  - τομος, "cutting"
    - lobotomy (λοβος, "lobe" or "pod")
  - ἰατρος, "doctor, healer"
    - podiatrist ( $\pi \circ \delta \circ \varsigma$ , "concerning a foot")
    - psychiatrist (ψυχη, "mind, soul")





- 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"
  - oປ, "no"
    - oປ່x before a vowel



#### Words You Will Use Right Away

- Feedback from the townspeople
  - καλον, "good, well done"
  - κακον, "bad, poorly done"
    - οὐ 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"
  - $\delta \varepsilon$ , "and" or "but"
  - $\dot{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\alpha$ , "but, but rather"
  - $\dot{\eta}$  "or"
    - Don't confuse with  $\dot{\eta}$ , "the"
    - ກຸ່...ກຸ່.... "Either...or..."

