Asking "Where" Questions

Finding Your Way in Greek

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Asking "Where" Questions

- 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: ού
 - A spatial adverb
 - Can act like a relative pronoun





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







Intensifying the Question with Όπου

- There are other similar prefixes that can be added to adverbs
- ὁπου, "where"
 - Like ού (relative sense)
 - Like $\pi o \upsilon$ (interrogative sense)
 - "to where?" (destination)
 - "from where?" (origin)







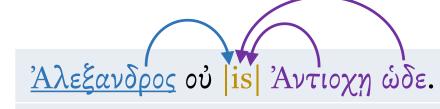
Figuring Out New Adverbs

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



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")
- ယ်δε, "here"
 - Resembles ούτος
- - Resembles ἐκεινος, "that"
 - far demonstrative pronoun
 - opposite of ούτος, -η, -ον, "this"



Alexander is not here in Antioch.



He is there in Jerusalem.

Adding a Sense of Motion

- The suffix $-\theta \epsilon \nu$ adds the idea of "motion away from" to a spatial adverb
- ὁθεν, "from here, away"
 - ού + θεν
- ἐκειθεν, "from there"
 - ἐκει + θεν



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

