

# Verbs of Movement and "Middle Only" Verbs

Expanding Your Greek Vocabulary

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# Moving Around in Greek

- So far we have learned the verb **βαίνω** to talk about "going" from place to place
  - Two most common verbs of motion are "middle only"
- **έρχομαι**, "I go," "I come"
  - Both motion away and motion toward
- **πορεύομαι**, "I go"
  - Only used for motion away



# Specific Kinds of Movement

- περιπατέω, "I walk," "I walk around"
  - Used by Jews in the sense of "living one's life"
- τρέχω, "I run"
- πίπτω, "I fall"
- ἄγω, "I lead, I guide"
- ἐγείρω, "I lift up, I raise"
- στέλλω, "I set up, I establish"
- ἐγγίζω, "I approach, I come near"
  - related adverb ἐγγύς, "close, near"



# Staying Put

- μένω, "I stay, I remain, live"
- παύομαι, "I stop, I cease"
  - Reminds us of the English word "pause"
  - Active (παυω) in commands to stop
- κάθημαι, "I sit, I dwell"
- καθίζω, "I cause to sit, I seat"
  - Transitive (or reflexive) version of καθημαι

Τη πολει **μενω**.

"I **am staying** in the city."

**Παυε** του τρεχειν!

"**Stop** running!"



# Some Other Helpful Words

- **ἄχρι** (prep.), "up to, as far as, until"
  - Motion comes to a point and stops
  - As with ὑπο, the following word is genitive
- **μέσος, -η, -ον** (adj.), "middle, midst"
  - English Meso-potamia
  - Neut. sing. acts like a prep.
  - Can mean "among"

Ἔρχομεθα ἄχρι τοῦ οἴκου.

"We are going as far as the house."

Περιπατεῖς μεσον τοῦ πολέως.

"You are walking in the middle of the city."

Περιπατεῖς μεσον τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

"You are walking among the people."

