

# Green - An Intensive Course

Some short notes on diphthongs:

There's a handful of diphthongs in Ancient Greek: -

αι → αἴθη

ει → εἰρήνη

οι → οἶνος

υι → εἰλεῖθυνα

αυ → αὐτόνομος

ευ → Ὀδυσσεύς

ηυ → ἠΰρεκα

ου → Οὐρανός

## Iota subscript

When the long vowels  $\bar{\alpha}$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\omega$  are combined with a short

iota, the iota is written beneath

the long vowel and is not

pronounced →  $\bar{\alpha}$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\omega$

## Ancient Greek Accent

Greek words had an accent on one syllable of a word; that ~~was~~ accent, however, was a musical pitch rather than just an increased stress on that particular syllable as in English.

It is thus customary, to simply stress that syllable which has an accent in Ancient Greek as you would in English.

Ancient Greek had three different types of accents:

- Acute : '
- Grave : `
- Circumflex : ~

## Rules regarding the placement of accents

General rule: No matter how many syllables a word may have, the accent can appear only over one of the last three syllables.

Acute ~~acc~~ accent:

Appears over: ultima, penult, antepenult  
and

short vowels, long vowels and diphthongs

## Restrictions:

Can appear over the ultima only when a pause follows (end of sentence, comma...)

Cannot appear over the penult when it is accented and contains a long vowel or diphthong and the ultima contains a short vowel

Can appear over the antepenult only when the ultima contains a short vowel.

## Grave accent:

Appears only over the ultima and over short vowels, long vowels and diphthongs

## Restrictions:

Must replace an acute accent over the ultima when another word

follows directly without a pause

Cannot appear otherwise

### Circumflex accent:

Appears only over the ultima  
and penult

Appears only over long vowels  
or diphthongs

### Restrictions:

Must appear over the penult when  
the penult is accented and contains  
a long vowel or diphthong; and  
the ultimate contains a short  
vowel

Cannot appear over the penult when  
the ultima contains a long vowel  
or diphthong

Ancient Greek has two types of accents, namely recessive and persistent. A short overview of both types: —

### Recessive Accents

An accent is recessive when it goes back from the end of the word as far as the rules permit

◦ Most verb forms have a recessive accent

### Examples:

ἔσταυρα → ἔσταυρω

↳ The ultima is a long vowel

so the accent can't go past

the penult. Because the ultima

is a long vowel, the accent

cannot be a circumflex

# Rules for accent placement in words which have a recessive accent and have.

... Three or more syllables:

☞ Check the ultima

If the ultima is a short vowel then the word receives an acute accent on the ~~ante~~ ante-penult.

If the ultima is a long vowel or diphthong, the accent will be acute on the penult.

... Two syllables:

☞ Check the penult first

If it has a short vowel, the accent is acute.

If the penult has a long vowel or a diphthong

then check the ultima's vowel length.

If the ultima has a short vowel, the accent is circumflex.

If the ultima contains a long vowel, the accent is acute.

∇ In two syllable words which have a recessive accent, the accent must be on the penult and be either an acute or circumflex.

### Accent Drill I:

1. λῶω, λῶομεν, λῶετε, λῶέτω.  
~~λῶσον~~ λῶσου
2. παιδέω, ἐπαίδευον, παιδεύεις,  
παιδεύου, παιδεύσαι
3. διδάσκει, δίδασκε, δίδαξον,  
διδάξω



4. τάττειν, τάττομεν, ταττόντων,  
τάττης, τάττε
5. βλάβης, βλάβομεν, ἐβλάβην
6. ἐστείσα, ἐστείσατε, στείσωμεν,  
~~ἐστεύσθων~~ ἐστεύσθην
7. δουλεύεις, ~~ἔ~~ ἐδούλευον,  
~~ἔδουλεύετε~~ ~~ἔ~~ ἐδουλεύετε
8. κλέπτω, κλέψεις, ἔκλεπτον,  
ἐκλέπτετε
9. ἀγγέλλω, ἠγγέλλον, ἠγγέλλετε
10. ἔλπης, ἦλθον, ἦλθετε

### Persistent Accent

Persistent accents attempt to ~~so~~ stay fixed on the same syllable - they may even change their form to stay on the same syllable (i.e. circumflex to acute etc). Only when there is absolutely no way for

a particular syllable to be accented, the accent changes its position.

## ~~###~~ II. Unit 1.

### Nouns

Greek nouns have gender, number and case. There are three genders, (masculine, feminine and neuter), three numbers - only two of which are used commonly, namely singular and plural - and a bunch of cases (five to be exact).

The function of those cases is largely similar to that of German or Russian and thus only ~~outliers~~ outliers will be specifically commented upon herein: -

## Genetive

Besides its usual function of showing possession, the genetive is used to indicate motion away from or separation (English "away from", "out of" - German uses the Dative here; Russian would use the Genetive as well → Я Близко к Дому)

## Dative

≠ Also used to show instrumentality, such as "by" and "with" (same as in German → "Mit dir"; ~~Russian~~ Russian has its own case for this)

Additionally, it is used place where or time when; English "at" or "in" (same as German → "In dem Jahr")

## Accusative

same as German. Shows direct objects of verbs or conveys the idea of motion toward or length of space or of time.

## Vocative

Used to show that the noun is being addressed directly.

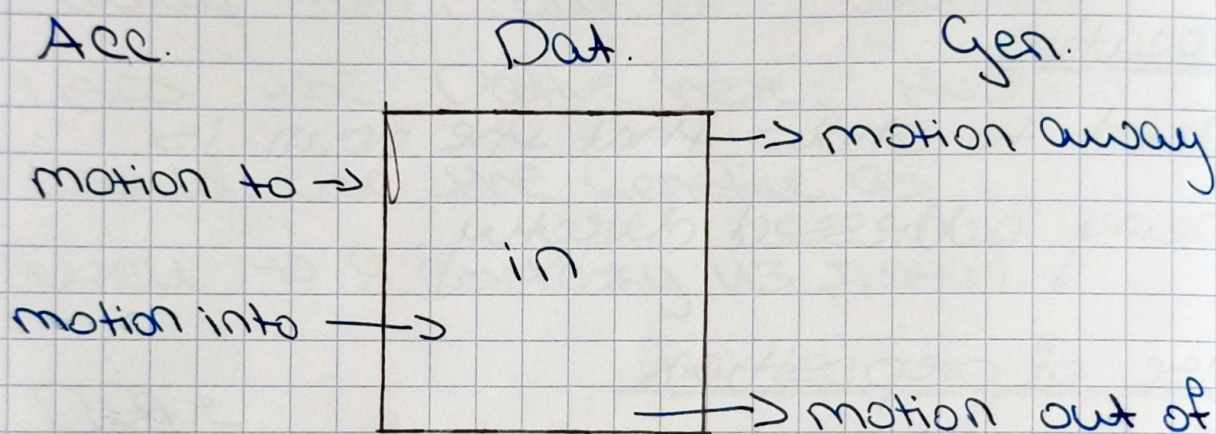
## Use of prepositions

Prepositions are used somewhat similarly to how they are in German or Russian - but not entirely the same.

For example, when the Dative is used to show instrumentality, Greek does not use a preposition in that case. When the Dative is used to describe where something is -  $\alpha \epsilon \nu$ , English equivalent of "in" - a preposition is used, however.

## Using cases to express motion or position

The cases in Greek are used differently from those in German in regards to motion and position.



The above illustration gives a quick overview of how which case is used.

## Declension of nouns

This is where the fun begins.

Firstly, it is important to grasp the structure in which this book presents its vocabulary,

namely thus: ~~τῆς~~ Τέχνη, Τέχνης, ἡ  
The structure of this is: Nom. S.,  
Gen. S., Article.

♂ To decline any noun, take the  
Genetive Singular, remove the  
Genetive Singular endings to get  
the stem, and then add the proper  
endings to the stem.

Ancient Greek nouns belong to one  
of three declension classes; those  
nouns most of whose endings ~~is~~  
use the vowels "-η-" or "-α-"  
belong to the first declension.

Those nouns most of whose endings  
use the vowel "-ο-" belong to  
the second declension.

The remaining nouns form the third  
~~declension~~ declension.

# Declension of first-declension

## nouns

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
<u>Nom.</u>	-η, -ᾶ	-αι
<u>Gen.</u>	-ης, -ᾶς	-ῶν
<u>Dat.</u>	-ῃ, -ᾶ	-αῖς
<u>Acc.</u>	-ην, -ᾶν	-ᾶς
<u>Voc.</u>	-η, -ᾶ	-αι

Thus, to decline τέχνη, τέχνης, ἡ ("art"), take the Genitive Singular τέχνης, remove its ending (-ης) to get the stem τέχν- and add the appropriate endings to the stem.

## Example declension of τέχνη:

Nominative S.: τέχνη

Genitive : τέχνης

Dative : τέχνῃ

Accusative : τέχνην

Vocative : Τέχνη

Nominative P: Τέχνη

Genetive : Τεχνῶν

Dative : Τεχνῶν

Accusative : Τέχνη

Vocative : Τέχνη

### Observations:

① Greek does not have an indirect article like English or German.

② The accent of nouns is as a rule

persistent. Thus the accent of Τέχνη is given by the Nominative Singular and stays on the -ε- of the penult except in the Genetive Plural, which is an exception ~~to~~ to the rule.

The Genetive Plural of all first-  
declension nouns is -ῶν- with  
a circumflex accent on the ultima.



Compare the declension of ~~τῆ~~ τέχνη  
with that of χώρα, χώρας, ἡ  
("land").

Nom. / Voc. S.	: τέχνη	χώρα
Gen.	: τέχνης	χώρας
Dat.	: τέχνῃ	χώρᾳ
Acc.	: τέχνην	χώραν

Nom. / Voc. P.	: τέχναι	χώραι
Gen.	: τέχνων	χωρῶν
Dat.	: τέχναις	χώραις
Acc.	: τέχνας	χώρας

Observations:

- ① The Vocative is the same as the Nominative
- ② There is no difference in meaning between first-declension nouns ending in -η and those in -ᾶ.

Originally, all such nouns ended in  $-\bar{a}$ . In Attic Greek, this  $-\bar{a}$  changed to  $-\eta$  except after  $\epsilon, \iota, \upsilon$  or  $p$ .

③ First-declension nouns differ only in the singular.

All first-declension nouns follow the same pattern in the plural.

④ Note that the form  $\chi\acute{\omega}\rho\alpha\varsigma$  can be either genitive singular or accusative plural. Context usually allows one to distinguish the two cases.

⑤ Once again, note that, as with all first-declension nouns, the genitive plural ending is  $-\tilde{\omega}\nu$  with a circumflex accent on the ultima.

⑥ The diphthong -al when final  
(at the end of a word) counts  
as a short vowel (for purposes  
of accentuation).

Hence, in the Nominative Plural,  
xūpal, the accent changes  
from an acute to a circumflex,  
since the penult is accented  
~~is~~ and contains a long vowel,  
and the diphthong of the ultima  
counts as a short vowel for  
purposes of accentuation.

When a first-declension noun has  
an acute accent on the ultima in  
the Nominative, the accent is  
changed to a circumflex in  
the Genitive and Dative, both in  
the Singular and Plural.

Compare the declension of  
 ψῦχή, ψῦχῆς, ἡ ("soul") and  
 ἀγορά, ἀγορᾶς, ἡ ("market place")  
 with those words learned thus  
 far.

~~ψῦχῆς~~ ψῦχῆς  
 ψῦχή vs. τέχνη

Nom. / Voc. S.:	τέχνη	ψῦχή
Gen.	: τέχνης	ψῦχῆς
Dat.	: τέχνῃ	ψῦχῇ
Acc.	: τέχνην	ψῦχήν

Nom. / Voc. P :	τέχναι	ψῦχαι
Gen.	: τεχνῶν	ψυχῶν
Acc.	: τέχναις	ψυχαῖς
Dat.	: τέχνᾶς	ψυχᾶς

## χώρα vs. ἀγορά

Nom./Voc. S.: χώρα

ἀγορά

Gen.: χώρας

ἀγορᾶς

Dat.: χώρᾳ

ἀγορᾷ

Acc.: χώρᾱν

ἀγορᾶν

Nom./Voc. P.: χώραι

ἀγοραί

Gen.: χωρῶν

ἀγορῶν

Dat.: χώραις

ἀγοραῖς

Acc.: χώρας

ἀγοράς

## Drills I.1-10

1. τέχνη

a) feminine, singular, nominative,  
"arts"

b.) τέχνη

2. ψυχήν

a) feminine, singular, accusative.

"soul" (as direct object)

b.) ψυχᾶς

3. τέχνων

a) feminine, plural, genitive, "of (the) arts"

b) τέχνης

4. ἀγορᾶς

a) feminine, plural, accusative, "market places" (as direct obj.)

5. ἀγορᾶς

a) feminine, singular, genitive, "of (the) market place"

b) ἀγορῶν

6. ψυχῶν

a) feminine, <sup>plural</sup> ~~singular~~, dative, "to (the) soul"

b) ψυχῆ

7. τέχνης

a) feminine, singular, dative, "to (the) art"

b) τέχναις

8. χώρα

a) feminine, singular, nominative,  
"land"

b) χώραι

9. ἀγορά

a) feminine, singular, dative, "in  
(the) market place"

b) ἀγοραῖς

10. τέχνη

a) feminine, <sup>Plural</sup> ~~singular~~, accusative,  
"art" (as direct object)

b) ~~τέχνης~~ τέχνην

## Second-declension nouns

These nouns have either the ending "-ος" (masculine) and rarely feminine) or "-ον" (neuter).

Its endings are as follows:

	<u>M/F</u>	<u>N</u>
Nom. S.	-os	-ov
Gen.	-ou	-ou
Dat.	-w	-w
Acc.	-ov	-ov
Voc.	-e	-ov

Nom. P.	-ol	-a
Gen.	-wv	-wv
Dat.	-olg	-olg
Acc.	-ovg	-a
Voc.	-ol	-a

Thus, to decline λόγος, λόγου, ὁ, "word", take the Genetive Singular, remove its "-ou" ending to get the stem "log-" and add the masculine / feminine declension endings to get the following declined forms:



Nom. S. : λόγος

Gen. : λόγου

Dat. : λόγῳ

Acc. : λόγον

Voc. : λόχε

Nom. P. : λόγοι

Gen. : λόγων

Dat. : λόγοις

Acc. : λόγους

Voc. : λόγοι

### Observations

① The vocative singular has a form different from that of the plural.

∇ The vocative plural is always the same - in every declination - as the nominative plural.

② Unlike first-declension nouns, the vocative singular is different from the nominative singular.

③ Note that the accent does not shift to a circumflex in the ultima of the genitive plural.

To decline the neuter noun ἔργον, ἔργου, τό, "work", remove the genitive "-ου" ending to get the stem "εργ-" and add the neuter endings onto it:

Nom. S.: ἔργον  
Gen. : ἔργου  
Dat. : ~~εργου~~ ἔργῳ  
Acc. : ἔργον

Nom. P. : ἔργα  
Gen. : ~~εργων~~ ~~εργου~~ ἔργων  
Dat. : ἔργοις  
Acc. : ἔργα

## Observations:

- ① The vocative is the same as the nominative
- ② In all neuter nouns, the accusative and the vocative are the same as the nominative, both in the singular and the plural
- ③ The nominative/vocative and accusative plural ending of all neuter nouns is "-a"

## ~~Accentuation of declensions~~

### Changes to accentuation of nouns of the second-declension

The accentuation of the previously discussed second-declension nouns was quite straight-forward.

Thus, here is a comparison of accentual changes of the following nouns:

# ~~1. ἀνθρώπος~~ ἀνθρώπος

1. ἀνθρώπος, ἀνθρώπου, ὁ, "man"
2. ἀδελφός, ἀδελφοῦ, ὁ, "brother"
3. νῆσος, νήσου, ἡ, "island"
4. δῶρον, δώρου, τό, "gift"

Nom. S.	ἀνθρώπος	ἀδελφός
Gen.	ἀνθρώπου	ἀδελφοῦ
Dat.	ἀνθρώπῳ	ἀδελφῷ
Acc.	ἄνθρωπον	ἀδελφόν
Voc.	ἄνθρωπε	ἀδελφε

Nom. P.	ἄνθρωποι	ἀδελφοί
Gen.	ἀνθρώπων	ἀδελφῶν
Dat.	ἀνθρώποις	ἀδελφοῖς
Acc.	ἄνθρώπους	ἀδελφοῦς
Voc.	ἄνθρωποι	ἀδελφοί

Nom. S.	: νῆσος	δῶρον
Gen.	: νήσου	δώρου
Dat.	: νήσω	δώρῳ
Acc.	: νῆσον	δῶρον
Voc.	: νῆσε	δῶρον

Nom. P.	: νῆσοι	δῶρα
Gen.	: νήσων	δώρων
<del>Acc.</del> Dat.	: νήσοις	δώροις
Acc.	: νήσους	δῶρα
Voc.	: νῆσοι	δῶρα

### Observations

① The accent of nouns is by rule persistent, and is given by the nominative singular. Thus, in "ἀνθρώπου", the accusative singular ~~is~~ of "ἀνθρώπος", the accent is the same as in the nominative, since the ending "-ου" contains a short vowel.

In those endings which contain a long vowel, the accent can't remain on the antepenult and has to move to the penult.

- ② Just as the diphthong ~~is~~ "ai" when final counts as a short vowel, so too the diphthong "-oi ~~can~~ counts as a short vowel when final.

This allows the accent to remain an acute on the antepenult in the nominative plural "ἀνθρώποι"

- ③ As in the first declension, when a second-declension noun has an acute accent on the ultima, in the nominative singular, it is changed to a circumflex in the genitive and dative (sing. + pl.)  
(~~ψυχῆ~~ ψυχῆ → ψυχῆ)

④ The accent on the vocative singular "ἀδελφε" is an exception and must be learnt ~~spe~~ separately.

Other words, however, of the second declension which accent the ultima of the nominative, do keep the accent on the ultima in the vocative.

⑤ The changing accents on "ἄνθρωπος" and "δύσπονος" are governed by the rules for the circumflex accent.

In the nominative singular of both nouns, the penult is accented and contains a long vowel, whilst the ultima contains a short vowel; the circumflex is thus required.

Whenever the ending contains a long vowel or diphthong, the accent cannot remain a circumflex on the penult, but must change to an acute.

### Drills I.11-25 and II

11. λόγων

a.) masculine, plural, genitive,  
"of words"

b.) λόγου

12. ἀνθρώποις

b.) masculine, plural, dative, "to men"

a.) ἀνθρώπῳ

13. ἄνθρωπον

a.) masculine, singular, accusative  
"man" (as direct obj.)

b.) ἀνθρώπους



14. λόγῳ

a.) masculine, singular, dative,  
"with (the) words"

b.) λόγους

15. ἔργα

a.) neuter, plural, nominative,  
vocative or accusative,  
"works"

b.) Nom.: ἔργον

~~ἔργα~~ ἔργε ↑

Acc.: ἔργον

16. ἀδελφοῦ

a.) masculine, genitive, singular,  
"of (the) brother"

b.) ἀδελφῶν

17. λόγον

a.) masculine, singular, accusative,  
"word" (as direct obj.)

b.) λόγους

18. δῶρον  
neuter

a.) ~~masculine~~, singular, nominative,  
accusative or vocative

b.) Nom. / Voc.: δῶρα

Acc.: ~~δῶρα~~

δῶρα

▽ Accusative and nominative plural of neuter (τό) nouns is the same and differs from ὄ nouns.

The ending here is -α in all the above cases.

19. ἀδελφοί

a.) masculine, plural, nominative or vocative

b.) Nom.: ἀδελφός

Voc.: ἀδελφε

20. ἔργων

a.) neuter, plural, genitive,  
"of (the) works"

b.) ἔργου

21. χωρᾶς

a.) feminine, genitive singular  
or accusative plural,  
"of (the) land" or "lands"  
(as direct obj.)

b.) Gen. P.: χωρῶν  
Acc. S.: χωρᾶν

22. δῶρας

a.) neuter, plural, dative, "with  
(the) presents"

b.) δῶρων

23. ἀνθρώπῃστε

a.) masculine, singular, vocative,  
"(O) man!" (being addressed  
directly)

b.) ἀνθρώποι

24. ἀδελφοῖς

a) masculine, plural, dative,  
"with brothers"

b) ἀδελφῶ

25. δῶρα

a) neuter, plural, accusative,  
nominative, or vocative,

"gifts" (subj, direct obj. or  
being addressed directly)

b) δῶρον (Nom. S., Acc. S. and  
Voc. S.)

## Decl II - Accents

1. ὄμηρος

a) ~~ὄμηρῶ~~ ὄμηρῶ

b) ὄμηρον

2. θεός

a) θεῶ

b) θεοί

3. νήσος

a.) ~~νήσο~~ ~~νήσω~~

b.) νήσοι

4. βιβλίον

a.) βιβλίων

b.) βιβλία

5. τέχνη

a.) τεχνῶν

b.) τέχναις

6. χώρᾱ

a.) χωραί χωραι

b.) χωρῶν

7. αγορᾱ́

a.) αγοραίς

b.) αγοραῖς

8. δώρον

a.) δώρου

b.) δῶρα

9. ἀδελφός

a.) ἀδελφῶν

b.) ἀδελφούς

10. ψυχή

a.) ψυχᾶι

b.) ψυχαῖς

### The Article

	M	F	N
Nom. S.	ὁ	ἡ	τό
Gen.	τοῦ	τῆς	τοῦ
Dat.	τῷ	τῇ	τῷ
Acc.	τόν	τήν	τό
Nom. P.	οἱ	αἱ	τά
Gen.	τῶν	τῶν	τῶν
Dat.	τοῖς	ταῖς	τοῖς
Acc.	τούς	τάς	τά

## Observations:

- ① The similarity of the endings of the article to those of the nouns should be obvious. Note, however, the absence of the final "-s" in the masculine singular nominative; and the absence of final "-v" in the neuter singular nominative and accusative.
- ② The masculine and feminine nominative, both singular and plural, have neither the initial "τ-" which appears in the rest of the forms nor an accent. Such words without accents, which are pronounced closely with the following word, are called proclitics.

- ③ Note the change in accent from an acute to a circumflex in the genitive and dative, both singular and plural.

### Dim III

#### 1. ἄδελφός

a.) ἄδελφός, ἄδελφοῦ, ἄδελφῶ,  
ἄδελφόν, ἄδελφε; ἄδελφοί,  
ἄδελφῶν, ἄδελφοῖς, ἄδελφοῦς,  
ἀδελφοί

b.) ἄδελφός, ἀδελφοί, nominative;  
ἄδελφοῦ, ἄδελφῶν, genitive;  
ἄδελφῶ, ἄδελφοῖς, dative;  
ἄδελφον, ἀδελφοῦς, accusative;  
ἄδελφε, ἀδελφοί, vocative



2. ψυχή

a) ψυχή, ψυχῆς, ψυχῆ, ψυχῆν,  
ψυχαί, ψυχῶν, ψυχαῖς, ψυχᾶς

b) ψυχή, ψυχαί, nominative;  
ψυχῆς, ψυχῶν, genitive;  
ψυχῆ, ψυχαῖς, dative;  
ψυχῆν, ψυχᾶς, accusative

3. ἡ χώρᾶ

a) ἡ χώρα, τῆς χώρας, τῇ  
χώρᾳ, τήν χώραν, αἱ χώραι,  
τῶν χωρῶν, ταῖς χωραῖς,  
τάς χώρας

b) ἡ χώρα, αἱ χώραι, nominative  
τῆς χώρας, τῶν χωρῶν, gen.  
τῇ χώρᾳ, ταῖς χωραῖς, dat.  
τήν χώραν, τάς χώρας, acc.

4. τὸ δῶρον

a.) τὸ δῶρον, τοῦ δῶρου, τῷ  
δῶρῳ, τὸ δῶρον, τὰ δῶρα,  
τῶν δῶρων, τοῖς δῶροις.  
τὰ δῶρα

b.) τὸ δῶρον, τὰ δῶρα, nom.  
τοῦ δῶρου, τῶν δῶρων, gen.  
τῷ δῶρῳ, τοῖς δῶροις, dat.  
τὸ δῶρον, τὰ δῶρα, acc.

5. ὁ ἄνθρωπος

a.) ὁ ἄνθρωπος, τοῦ ἀνθρώπου,  
τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ, τὸν ἄνθρωπον,  
οἱ ἄνθρωποι, τῶν ἀνθρώπων,  
τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, τοῖς ἀνθρώποις

b.) ὁ ἄνθρωπον, οἱ ἄνθρωποι, nom.  
τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, τῶν ἀνθρώπων,  
genetive  
τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ, τοῖς ἀνθρώποις,  
dative

τὸν ἄνθρωπον, τοῖς ἀνθρώποις,

b. ἡ ὁδός

a) ἡ ὁδός, τῆς ὁδοῦ, τῇ ὁδῷ,  
τὴν ὁδόν, αἱ ὁδοί, τῶν ὁδῶν,  
ταῖς ~~ἁ~~ ὁδοῖς, τὰς ὁδοῦς

b) ἡ ὁδός, αἱ ὁδοί, nominative  
τῆς ὁδοῦ, τῶν ὁδῶν, genitive  
~~ἡ~~ τῇ ὁδῷ, ταῖς ὁδοῖς, dat.  
τὴν ὁδόν, τὰς ὁδοῦς, acc.

### Attributive position

Any words which limit or depend upon a ~~word~~ noun (e.g. genitives, prepositional phrases, and adjectives) and which are preceded by an article which agrees in gender, number and case with that noun, are ~~to be said~~ said to be in the attributive position. There are three varieties of attributive position.

## The three varieties:

① Words in the attributive position can appear between the article and the noun ~~to~~ with which it agrees:

a.) οἱ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ λόγοι

"The words of the brother"

b.) οἱ ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ ἀδελφοί

"The brothers in the country"

② Sometimes the article is repeated after the noun and the words in the attributive position follow the repeated article:

a.) οἱ λόγοι οἱ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ

"The words of the brother"

b.) οἱ ἀδελφοί οἱ ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ

"The brothers in the country"

~~In the last two examples,~~

when the article is repeated and the words in the attributive

position follow it, greater emphasis is placed on the noun, and the words in the attributive position seem to come as an afterthought. To translate the last example given ~~at~~ above, as "the brothers, [I mean] the ones in the country", would be to exaggerate the effect, but it gives some idea of the two sentences.

③ Sometimes, the article does not appear before the noun, but only after it:

a) λόχοι οἱ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ  
"Words, the ones of the brother"

b) ἀδελφοί οἱ ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ  
"Brothers, the ones in the country"

In the last two examples, the words in the attributive position are even more of an afterthought.

## Use of the article

① The article is used in Greek to point out particular individuals:

ὁ ἀδελφός, "the brother"

τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, "for the men"

② The article is used also with generic classes:

τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, "for men"

③ The article is used with ~~an~~ abstract nouns

ἡ ἀρετή virtue

(The article of abstract nouns

is sometimes omitted in Greek, as it is always in English)

④ The article can be used  
with names of persons famous  
or previously mentioned:

ὁ Ὅμηρος

⑤ Where the context makes it clear,  
the article can be used where  
English uses the possessive pronoun:

ὁ Ὅμηρος παιδεύει τὸν  
ἀδελφόν; "Homer educates his  
brother"

ὁ Ὅμηρος δῶρα τῷ ἀδελφῷ  
στέλλει; "Homer sends gifts to  
his brother"

⑥ The article is frequently left out  
with words that refer to some-  
thing unique and well-known:

ἐν ἀγορᾷ; "in the market place"

## Word order

The basic grammatical relations of subject, verb and direct object are shown in Greek by the inflection of nouns and verbs; therefore, word order frequently expresses other things - such as emphasis, contrast, balance and variety. Consider the following ~~set~~ variations of "Homer educates his brother":

- a) ὁ Ὅμηρος τὸν ἀδελφὸν  
σταδεύει.
- b) παιδεύει ὁ Ὅμηρος τὸν  
ἀδελφόν.
- c) τὸν ἀδελφὸν ὁ Ὅμηρος  
σταδεύει.

The first example can be considered neutral word order. The subject more often than not ~~does~~ does precede the verb, as does the dir. ob.



The second example puts more emphasis on the verb and would be a good answer to the question, "What does Homer do?" The third example puts emphasis on the direct object and would be a good answer to the question, "Whom does Homer educate?" All in all, quite similar to German.

#### Drill IV - Translate

1. ΤΟΥΣ ἀδελφούς, "the brother"  
(as direct object)
2. ἐν τῇ νῆσῳ, "on (lit. in) the island"
3. ἐν ~~τῇ~~ νῆσοις, "on (lit. in) islands"
4. τέχνας, "arts"
5. εἰς ἀγοράν, "into the market place"

6. ἀδελφῶν, "of brothers"
7. τὴν τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ ψυχὴν, "the soul of the brother" (as direct obj.)
8. τὴν ψυχὴν τοῦ Ὀμήρου, "the soul of Homer" (as direct obj.)
9. ἔργῳ, "for work / with work"
10. τὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν δῶρα, "the presents of the brothers"
11. τὰ δῶρα τὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν, "the presents, those of the brothers"
12. τὰ τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς δῶρα, "the presents for the brothers"
13. δῶρα τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς, "presents for the brothers"
14. τὰ τῶν ἀδελφῶν δῶρα τὰ τοῖς ἀνθρώποις, "the presents of the brothers for the men / people"
15. τὰ τοῖς θεοῖς δῶρα τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, "The presents for the Gods of the men / people"

16. τὰ τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς δῶρα τὰ ἐν ἀγορᾷ, "the presents for the brothers in the market place"
17. τὸν ἀδελφὸν ὁ Ὅμηρος παιδεύει, "~~his brother~~ teaches Homer teaches his brother"
18. ὁ ἀδελφὸς τὰ δῶρα εὖ εἰς τὰς νήσους πέμπει, "The brother sends the present to the island"

### Exercises - Translation

- ① ὁ Ὅμηρος τὸν ἄνθρωπον παιδεύει, "Homer teaches the man"
- ② ὁ Ὅμηρου ἀδελφὸς παιδεύει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, "Homer's brother teaches the man"
- ③ τοῦ Ὄμηρον παιδεύει ὁ ἄνθρωπος, "The man teaches Homer"

④. Ὅμηρος τοὺς ἀνθρώπους παιδεύει.  
"Homer teaches the men"

⑤. Ὅμηρος τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐν τῇ ἀγορᾷ παιδεύει; "Homer teaches the men in the market place"

⑥. ὁ ἀδελφὸς τοῦ Ὀμήρου παιδεύει τοὺς ἀνθρώπους τὰς ἐν τῇ ἀγορᾷ;  
"Homer's brother ~~teach~~ teaches the men in the market place"

⑦. ἐν ταῖς ἀγοραῖς τὰς τῶν ἀνθρώπων ψυχὰς ὁ Ὅμηρος τοῖς βιβλίοις παιδεύει; "Homer teaches the souls of the people in the marketplace with his books."

⑧. ὁ θεὸς δῶρον τῷ Ὀμήρου ἀδελφῷ ~~στὴν~~ στέμνεται εἰς τὴν χώραν, "The God sends gifts to the brother of Homer into the (his) country / land."

9. Ὡς Ὁμηρε, ἡ θεός τῶς ἐν τῇ  
χώρα ἀνθρώποις δῶρα στέμτει.  
"O Homer, the Goddess sends  
gifts for the people of the  
country"

10. τὰ τῶν θεῶν δῶρα στέμτει ὁ  
τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἀδελφός ἐκ τῆς  
οἰκίας εἰς τὰς νήσους.

"The brother of the man sends  
the presents of the Gods from  
the house to the island"  
(or "his house")

11. ὁ ἐν τῇ νήσῳ ἀνθρώπος τοῦς  
ἀδελφοῦς εἰς μάχην στέμτει.

"The man on the island sends  
his / the brothers into battle"

12. ὁ ἀδελφός δῶρα, τὰ βιβλία τὰ  
τοῦ Ὀμήρου, στέμτει εἰς τὰς  
τῶν ἀνθρώπων οἰκίας.

"The brother sends gifts, the books of Homer, to the houses of the men"

13. ὁ ἀδελφός ὁ Ὀμήρου βιβλίον ἐκ τῆς ἀγορᾶς εἰς τὴν νῆσον στεμνεί

"Homer's brother sends a book from the market place to the island"

14. ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ ὁ ἄνθρωπος τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ λόγῳ καὶ ἔργῳ σταιδεύει.

"In the house, the man teaches his brother speech and work"

15. ὁ ἄνθρωπος τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς καὶ λόγῳ καὶ ἔργῳ σταιδεύει.

"The man teaches his brothers both speech and work"

16. ὦ ἀδελφε, καὶ ἐν μάχῃ ὁ θεὸς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους, τοὺς τοῦ Ὀμήρου ἀδελφοὺς, σταιδεύει.

"O brother, even in battle,  
God teaches the men, (namely)  
the brothers of Homer"

(17.) ᾧ θεοί, τοῖς λόγῳις σταθεύει ὁ  
Ὅμηρος τοὺς ἀνθρώπουις τοὺς ἐν  
ταῖς ὁδοῖις.

"O gods, Homer teaches the men,  
those in the street, with words"

(18.) τῇ ὁδῶ τῇ ἐξ ἀγορᾶις εἰς  
τῆν χώραν στεντελ Ὅμηρος  
τὰ τοὺς ἀνθρώπουις δῶρα.

"Homer sends the presents to  
the men by the road from  
the market place into the  
country"

(19.) τέχνη καὶ τὸν ἀδελφὸν σταθεύει  
ὁ Ὅμηρος.

"Homer teaches his brother  
even art"

20. ἐν τῇ τέχνῃ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ  
βιβλίῳ παιδεύει ὁ Ὅμηρος.

"Homer educates his brother in  
the art with a book"

21. ὁ Ὅμηρος βιβλίῳ παιδεύει  
τὸν ἀδελφὸν τὴν τέχνην.

"Homer teaches his brother the  
art with a book"

22. ὁ θεὸς λόγους εἰς τὰς τῶν  
ἀνθρώπων ψυχὰς στέμνει.

"God sends words into the  
soul of the man"

### Translation English → Greek

1. The God educates the men.

"Ὁ θεὸς παιδεύει τοὺς ἀνθρώπους"

"Ὁ θεὸς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους παιδεύει"

2. The man sends Homer's brother  
to the market place.

"ὁ ἀνθρώπος τὸν τοῦ Ὁμήρου  
ἀδελφὸν εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν στέμνει"



(3) Man, Homer's brother sends to the gods a gift from the island.

"ὦ ἄνθρωπε, ὁ τοῦ Ὀμήρου  
ἀδελφὸς <sup>δῶρον</sup> ~~θεοῖς~~ εἰ τοῖς θεοῖς  
ἐκ τῆς νήσου στέμνεται"

(4) With his stories, Homer educates his brothers on the islands

"ὁ Ὀμηρος τοῖς λόγους τοὺς  
ἐν τῇ νήσῳ ἀδελφούς παιδεύει"

## Unit 2 - Verbs Introduction

Most verbs have

- ① Person
- ② Number
- ③ Tense (which can show aspect and time)
- ④ Mood
- ⑤ Voice

Present	Simple Aspect	Progressive Aspect	Completed aspect
Present	<p>Aorist tense</p> <p>"I fell"</p>	<p>Present tense</p> <p>"I am falling"</p> <p>"I fall"</p>	<p>Perfect tense</p> <p>"I have fallen"</p> <p><del>Present</del></p>
Past	<p>Aorist tense</p> <p>"I fell"</p>	<p>Imperfect tense</p> <p>"I was falling"</p> <p>"I was fall- ing"</p> <p>"I used to fall"</p>	<p>Pluperfect tense</p> <p>"I had fallen"</p>
Future	<p>Future tense</p> <p>"I shall fall"</p>	<p>Future tense</p> <p>"I shall be falling"</p>	<p>Future perfect tense</p> <p>"I shall have fallen"</p>

## Past indicative augment

In the indicative mood, the secondary tenses of the verbs, those which express past time, receive the past indicative augment. This consists of the vowel "ε-" prepended to the appropriate stem where that stem begins with a consonant.

The past indicative augment is the sign of a factual statement or question in past time.

## Verbs' principal parts

The minimum number of forms which one must know in order to generate all possible forms of a verb are called the principal parts.

The Greek word has six principal parts and all must be learnt whenever a new ~~verb~~ verb is encountered.

From these six forms, ~~and~~ according to the rules which will be ~~for~~ presented below, various tense stems are derived. To these stems, various endings are added in order to produce all possible forms of a verb.

Here are the principal parts of a Greek verb:

- ① ἡγαγεῖν, I educate  
Present indicative active
- ② ἡγαξέω, I shall educate  
Future indicative active
- ③ ἡγάγευκα, I educated  
Aorist indicative active
- ④ ἡγάγευκα, I have educated  
~~Pre~~ Perfect indicative active
- ⑤ ἡγάγεσθε, I have been educated

⑥ Ἐσταδευθήνυ

I was educated, Aorist indicative  
passive

### Present indicative Active

To form the present indicative active, obtain the present tense stem by dropping the ending "ω" from the Principal Part I and add the following endings:

<del>1st ps.</del>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
<u>1st ps.</u>	-ω	-ομεν
<u>2nd. ps.</u>	-εις	-ετε
<u>3rd. ps.</u>	-ει	-ουσι(ν)

### Note:

The letter "ν", called nu-movable, may be added to certain endings of nouns and verbs when the following word begins with a vowel or at the end of a sentence.

Henceforth in paradigms this letter, which may be added to the third person plural ending above, will be indicated in parentheses. The present indicative forms of "σταθεύω" are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	σταθεύω	σταθεύομεν
2nd.	σταθεύεις	σταθεύετε
3rd.	σταθεύει	σταθεύου(σιν)

Remember that the accent of most verbs is recessive ☹

### Imperfect indicative tense

To form this tense, ~~pe~~ prefix the past indicative augment "ε-" to the present tense stem. To that stem, add the following endings:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	-οὔ	-ομεν
2nd.	-εις	-ετε
3rd.	-ει(ν)	-ου

The augmented present tense stem of σταθεῖν is ἑσταθευ-, and the forms of the imperfect indicative are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	ἑσταθευον	ἑσταθευομεν
2nd.	ἑσταθευεις	ἑσταθευετε
3rd.	ἑσταθευει(ν)	ἑσταθευου

### Future indicative active

To form this, obtain the future tense stem by dropping the "-ω" from Principal Part II and add the same endings as were employed in forming the present indicative.

Thus, the future tense stem of "σταθεῖω" is "σταθευο-" and the forms of the future indicative active are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st.	σταθεύσω	σταθεύσομεν
2nd.	σταθεύσεις	σταθεύσετε
3rd.	σταθεύσει	σταθεύσουσι(ν)

### Aorist indicative active

To form the aorist indicative active, drop the ending  $\rho$  from principal part III. There remains the aorist tense stem together with the pre-fixed past indicative augment. To this augmented aorist tense stem add: . . .

	Sg.	Pl.
1st	-α	-αμεν
2nd	-ας	-ατε
3rd	-ε(ν)	-αν



Thus the augmented aorist tense stem  
is of "σταθεύω" ~~is~~ is "ἔσταθευο-"  
and the forms of the aorist indicative  
active are as follows:

	Sg.	Pl.
1st	ἔσταθευσα	ἔσταθεύσαμεν
2nd	ἔσταθευσας	ἔσταθεύσατε
3rd	ἔσταθευσε(ν)	ἔσταθευσαν

### Observation:

Compare the endings of the aorist  
indicative active with those of the  
present and imperfect indicative active.  
Note that, except for the third person  
singular, all of the aorist indicative  
active endings begin with the  
~~thematic~~ tense vowel "a" instead  
of the thematic vowel ε/ο. All of  
the sets of endings seen so far use  
the person markers -s, -μεν and  
-τε.

τὰ τῶν θεῶν ἔργα τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς  
σταθεύει.

"The deeds of the gods educate  
men"

## Questions

Questions are indicated either by a simple question mark or the introductory word ἄρα.

This is quite similar to Hindi's क्या (क्या तुम ... हो ?).

## Infinitives and their use

The Greek verb has non-finite forms which do not specify person or number. One of these is the infinitive, which can usually be translated by the English infinitive ("to be").

The infinitive only has tense and voice; its function is to name a verbal action.

## Present Infinitive active

To form this infinitive, add "-εῖν" to the present tense stem. The infinitive present active infinitive of "σταθεῖν" is thus "σταθεῖν" "to educate"

This infinitive is in the active voice (cf. the infinitive passive "to be educated") and is in the present tense. But in the infinitive, the present tense does not indicate time but aspect only; its aspect is always progressive / repeated.

## Aorist Infinitive Active

To form this infinitive, obtain the unaugmented aorist tense stem by dropping from Principal Part III both the ending "-α" and the augment "ἄ-"; to this stem, add the ending "-αι"

## Agreement of subject and verb

When a noun or pronoun in the nominative case accompanies the verb in order to specify more clearly or emphatically the subject, that noun or pronoun becomes the only subject and overrides the less definitive information conveyed by the verb form ~~is~~ itself.

σταδεύει → He / she / it educates

ὁ ἄνθρωπος σταδεύει → The man educates.

☐ A singular (pro-) noun requires a singular verb; a plural one requires a plural verb.

☐☐ But neuter plural nouns take singular verbs:

οἱ ἄνθρωποι τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ σταδεύουσιν.

'The men educate their brothers'

III: The aorist infinitive active is always accented on the penult. The accent on this verbal form is not recessive.

Thus, the unaugmented aorist tense stem of "στᾶσειν" is "στᾶσεω-", and the aorist infinitive active is:

στᾶσεῖν  
to educate

In the aorist infinitive active, as in the present infinitive active, tense does not indicate time but aspect only. The aorist infinitive active has simple aspect: "to educate (once and for all)". Contrast this to the

~~present~~ previously discussed infinitive which has progressive aspect:

"to educate (habitually)". Note that

the English infinitive can be equivalent to either of these depending on context.

## Use of the infinitive

Greek employs the infinitive just as English does with certain ~~verb~~ verbs of ordering or commanding.

One such Greek verb is "κελεύω" (order, command). The Greek infinitive can, where appropriate, take an indirect or ~~also~~ direct object.

## Perfect Indicative Active

To form the perfect indicative active, obtain its stem by dropping the ending "-α" from Principal Part IV and adding the following endings:

	S.	P.
1st	-α	-αμεν
2nd	-αs	-ατε
3rd	-ε(ν)	-ασι(ν)

Thus, the perfect active indicative stem is σταθεῖω is σταθεῖω- and its conjugated as follows:

1st στεταίσευα

2nd στεταίσευας

3rd στεταίσευε(ν)

1st. στεταίσευαμεν

2nd. στεταίσευατε

3rd. στεταίσευασι(ν)

### Observations

- ① This tense ~~shows~~ indicates an action complete from the point of view of present time, e.g. στεταίσευα, "I have (now) educated". The time is present; the aspect completed.
- ② The endings of this tense are identical with those of the aorist indicative active ~~εταίσευα~~ except in the third person plural. στεταίσευασι(ν) → εταίσευσαν

③ Many perfect tense stems are formed by reduplicating the initial consonant of the present tense stem with the letter -ε- inserted between the two, e.g. σταταίδευκα (σταιδεύω), λέλυκα (λύω). There are patterns for the formation of the perfect tense stem, but they are not predictable.

### Pluperfect Indicative Active

To form this tense, add the past indicative augment ἔ- to the perfect active tense stem and add the following endings:

	S	P.
1st	-η	-εμεν
2nd	-ης	-ετε
3rd	-ε(ν)	-εσαν



## Observations

① The pluperfect indicative active indicates an action completed from the point of view of the past: e.g. ἔστειλας ἐόντων → "I had (by then) educated".

The time of the tense is past; the aspect completed.

② With the exception of -εα of the third person singular, the tense vowel of the pluperfect indicative active shows an alternation between -η- in the singular and -ε- in the plural.

## Perfect Infinitive Active

To form the perfect infinitive active, add to the perfect active tense stem the ending -έῃαι.

Thus, the perfect infinitive active of  
σταθεῖν is

ἵστασθαι

to have educated

The perfect infinitive active is always  
accented on the penult.

Like other infinitives learnt so far,  
the tense of the perfect infinitive  
shows aspect only, not time.

Compare:

σταθεῖν

to be educating  
(progressive aspect)

σταθεῖναι

to ~~educate~~ educate  
(simple aspect)

ἵστασθαι

to have educated  
(completed aspect)

# Subjunctive and Optative Moods

## Present Subjunctive Active

The subjunctive and optative, in contrast to the indicative, show that the speaker views the action as non-factual, i.e. non-indicative. The translation of

subjunctives and optatives varies

greatly depending upon the type of clause they appear in.

The first type of ~~the~~ clause the subjunctive and optative appear in is the "purpose clause".

The tense of a ~~sub~~ subjunctive or optative does not indicate factual time, but only aspect.

The present tense shows progressive aspect; the aorist simple aspect; and the perfect tense ~~is~~ completed aspect.

Of these three, the perfect is rarely used and will thus not be discussed.

To form the present subjunctive, active, add the following endings to the present tense stem:

	S	P
1st	-ω	-ωμεν
2nd	-ης	-ητε
3rd	-η	-ωου(ν)

### Observations:

- (1) The endings of the subjunctive active are the same as those of the present indicative active, except that, where possible, the thematic vowel of the ending has been lengthened. In the second and third person singular endings when the -ε- of the -ε- is lengthened, to -η-, the

-l- ~~is~~ becomes an iota subscript.  
Note that, when the -ε- of the  
second person plural ending  
~~-ετε~~ -ετε is lengthened to  
-η, there is no iota subscript.

② The first person singular of  
the present subjunctive active  
has the same form as the  
first person singular of the  
present indicative active.

Context ~~usually~~ usually  
usually helps to ~~to~~ distinguish  
between the two.

### Aorist subjunctive active

Add to the unaugmented aorist  
tense stem the following endings:

S.

P.

1st -ω

-ωμεν

2nd -ης

-ητε

3rd -η

-ωσι(ν)

## Observations

- ① Both subjunctives discussed use the same set of endings
- ② The past indicative augment is not used in the aorist subjunctive
- ③ There is no future ~~sub~~ subjunctive

## Present Optative Active

Add the following endings to the present tense stem:

S.

P.

1st. -οιμι

-οιμεν

2nd. -οις

-οιτε

3rd. -ου

-ουεν

## Observations

- ① Note that all the endings of the present optative begin with the diphthong -ου-.

Compare the following first person plural forms:

Pres. Ind. Act. : σταθεύομεν

Pres. Sub. Act. : σταθεύωμεν

Pres. Opt. Act. : σταθεύοιμεν

③ The diphthong -οι- in the third person singular of the present active optative counts as long for purposes of accentuation.

### Aorist Optative Active

Add the following endings to the unaugmented & aorist tense stem:

S.

P.

1st. -αυμ                      -αμεν

2nd -αυς / -εας            -ατε

3rd -αι / -ειε(v)        -ατεν / -εαν

## Observations

- ① the past indicative augment is not used in the aorist optative
- ② Note that, with the exception of the alternative forms, all the endings of the aorist optative active begin with the diphthong -αι-; compare:  
Aor. Ind. Act. : ἔσταθεύσαμεν  
Aor. Sub. Act. : σταθεύωμεν  
Aor. Obj. Act. : σταθεύσασμεν  
Pres. Opt. Act. : σταθεύοιμεν
- ③ The final -αι counts as a long vowel for purposes of accentuation.
- ④ The alternative forms have no distinction in meaning, but both were commonly used; hence, both must be learnt.