

CORE GREEK VOCABULARY  
for the  
FIRST TWO YEARS of GREEK  
at LSU

**About this Vocabulary List** The goal behind compiling this list of words is to provide a set of words which are likely to be a core vocabulary for a wide range of ancient Greek texts.

**The "80%" Idea** Although speakers of any language know a great many words, in practice they repeat some words a great many times and these words are crucial for any comfort level with a language. In English, for example, a hundred common words make up half of an average text (think about how many times the word "the" would appear). In many languages, 80% is a rough boundary between core standard words and more specialized vocabulary. In other words, 80% of the words in a typical passage of English would be repetition of a relatively small core vocabulary, while the remaining 20% contains most of the more specialized vocabulary. So, if you read a book about, say, boats, 80% of the book is likely to be made up of words everyone would know, but a portion of the remaining 20% would be more specific vocabulary referring to naval vessels.

**The 80% List in Greek:** As students of ancient Greek know, some Greek words can appear in multiple forms. Did the Greeks have a memory vastly superior to speakers of other languages? No. They knew multiple forms of many words but Greek uses a smaller number of different words. Many languages have a core of about 2,000-3,000 words generate the 80% portion (in English it's about 2,300). Greek, however, reaches the 80% mark with half the number of vocabulary items. The goal, here, then is to capture those words which make up 80% of most Greek.

**Generating the List:** The Perseus Project (<http://perseus.tufts.edu>) includes 3.8+ million words of text from many ancient sources. It also has a tool for generating vocabulary lists based on these texts. An 80% list based on these texts yields a list of 1,193 words (compiled September 2, 2004).

The current list modifies the raw list in three ways: (1) proper names have been removed (2) some rarer words which appear simply because they resemble more common words have been deleted (3) a few words have been added, such as culturally important words or uncompounded forms of verbs whose compounds are very common.

The resulting list contains approximately 1,100 words. Among them:

- 404 verbs (247 base verbs, of which 60 generate an additional 157 compound verbs)
- 325 nouns (114 1<sup>st</sup> declension, 103 2<sup>nd</sup> declension, 108 3<sup>rd</sup> declension)
- 188 adjectives (128 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> declension, 30 3<sup>rd</sup> declension)

Separate lists give the principal parts of these verbs as well as words broken down by category for easier memorization by type.

ἀγαθός -ῆ -όν good  
 ἄγαλμα -ατος, τό glory, statue  
 ἄγαν too much  
 ἀγανακτέω be annoyed with  
 ἀγάπη -ης, ἡ love, charity  
 ἀγγέλλω announce  
 ἄγγελος -ου, ὁ messenger, angel  
 ἀγνοέω not know  
 ἀγορά, -ᾶς, ἡ market place  
 ἀγορεύω say, proclaim  
 ἄγω lead, bring  
 ἀγών, -ῶνος, ὁ contest  
 ἀγωνίζομαι contend for a prize  
 ἀδελφή -ῆς, ἡ sister  
 ἀδελφός -οῦ, ὁ brother  
 ἀδικέω do wrong  
 ἀδίκημα, -ατος, τό a wrong, an injustice  
 ἄδικος -ον unjust  
 ἀδύνατος -ον impossible  
 ἀεί always  
 ἀείδω (Attic ᾄδω) sing  
 ἀέκων -ουσα -ον (Attic ἄκων) unwilling  
 ἀθάνατος -ον immortal  
 ἄθλιος -α -ον wretched  
 ἄθλον -ου, τό prize  
 ἀθροίζω muster  
 ἀθρόος -α -ον crowded  
 αἰδώς, αἰδοῦς, ἡ shame  
 αἷμα -ατος, τό blood  
 αἰνέω praise  
 αἰρέω take (mid: choose)  
 αἴρω raise  
 αἰσθάνομαι perceive  
 αἰσχρός -ῆ -όν disgraceful  
 αἰσχύνω dishonor  
 αἰτέω ask  
 αἰτία -ας, ἡ cause  
 αἰτιάομαι accuse, blame  
 αἴτιος -α -ον responsible, guilty  
 αἴχμάλωτος -ου, ὁ prisoner of war  
 ἀκολουθέω follow  
 ἀκούω hear  
 ἀκριβής -ές exact  
 ἄκρος -α -ον top  
 ἄλγος -ους, τό pain  
 ἀλήθεια -ας, ἡ truth  
 ἀληθής -ές true  
 ἀλίσκομαι be taken  
 ἀλλά but  
 ἀλλήλων (oblique cases only) one another  
 ἄλλος -ῆ -ον other  
 ἀλλότριος -α -ον someone else's  
 ἄλλως otherwise  
 ἅμα at the same time  
 ἀμαρτάνω make a mistake, miss the target  
 ἀμείβω change  
 ἀμείνων -ον better

ἀμελέω not worry  
 ἀμύνω ward off  
 ἀμφί + *gen, dat, acc* about, around  
 ἀμφισβητέω argue  
 ἀμφοτέρως -α -ον both  
 ἄμφω, ἀμφοῖν both  
 ἄν *generalizes dependent clauses with the subjunctive; makes independent clauses less real (contrary to fact)*  
 ἀνά + *gen, dat, acc* up, on  
 ἀνάγω lead up  
 ἀναίρεω raise  
 ἀναλαμβάνω pick up  
 ἀναβαίνω board, cross  
 ἀναγιγνώσκω recognize  
 ἀνέχω hold up  
 ἀνίστημι stand up  
 ἀνατίθημι put up, set on  
 ἀναχωρέω go back  
 ἀναγκάζω force, compel  
 ἀναγκαῖος -α -ον necessary  
 ἀνάγκη -ης, ἡ necessity  
 ἀνάθημα -ατος, τό a curse  
 ἄναξ, -ακτος, ὁ ruler, lord  
 ἀνδρεῖος -α -ον manly, brave  
 ἄνεμος -ου, ὁ wind  
 ἄνευ + *gen* without  
 ἀνήρ, ἀνδρός, ὁ man  
 ἄνθος -ους, τό flower  
 ἄνθρωπος -ου, ὁ/ἡ human being  
 ἀνοίγνυμι open up  
 ἀντί + *gen* opposite  
 ἄνω up  
 ἄξιος -α -ον worthy  
 ἀξιόω consider worthy  
 ἀπαλλάσσω release, escape  
 ἀπαντάω + *dat* meet  
 ἅπαξ once  
 ἅπας -ασα -αν all together  
 ἄπειρος -α -ον inexperienced, ignorant  
 ἀπό + *gen* from  
 ἀπαγγέλλω announce  
 ἀπάγω carry off  
 ἀφαιρέω take from  
 ἀποβαίνω step from  
 ἀποδείκνυμι point away  
 ἀποδίδωμι give back  
 ἄπειμι be away  
 ἀπέρχομαι go away  
 ἀπέχω keep away  
 ἀποθνήσκω die  
 ἀφήμι let go  
 ἀφικνέομαι come to  
 ἀφίστημι remove, revolt  
 ἀποκρίνω separate (mid: answer)  
 ἀποκτείνω kill  
 ἀπολαμβάνω take from

ἀπολείπω	leave behind	βίος –ου, ὁ	life
ἀπόλλυμι	kill (mid: die)	βιόω	live
ἀπολογέομαι	defend oneself	βλάπτω	hurt
ἀπολύω	set free from	βλέπω	see
ἀποπέμπω	send away	βοήθεια –ας, ἡ	help
ἀποπλέω	sail away	βοηθέω	help
ἀποστέλλω	send away	βουλεύω	deliberate
ἀποστερέω	deprive	βουλή –ῆς, ἡ	plan, council
ἀποφαίνω	display	βούλομαι	want, wish
ἀπορία –ας, ἡ	helplessness	βοῦς, βοός, ὁ/ἡ	ox
ἄπτω	join (mid: touch)	βραχύς –εῖα –ύ	short
ἄρα	so then	βροτός –οῦ, ὁ	mortal
ἄργύριον –ου, τό	silver, a silver coin	βωμός –οῦ, ὁ	altar
ἄρέσκω	please	γαῖα –ας, ἡ	earth
ἀρετή –ῆς, ἡ	excellence	γαμέω	marry
ἀριθμός –οῦ, ὁ	number	γάμος –ου, ὁ	wedding, marriage
ἄριστος –η –ον	best	γάρ	for, because
ἀρκέω	ward off	γε	for sure
ἄρμα –ατος, τό	chariot	γελάω	laugh
ἀρμόζω (Attic ἀρμόπτω)	join	γεννάω	beget
ἄρόω	plow	γένος –ους, τό	race, family
ἀρπάζω	snatch	γέρας –ως, τό	prize
ἄρτι	just now	γέρον –οντος, ὁ	old man
ἀρχαῖος –α –ον	ancient	γῆ, γῆς, ἡ	earth
ἀρχή –ῆς, ἡ	beginning, rule	γῆρας –ως, τό	old age
ἄρχω	rule	γίγνομαι	become, be
ἄρχων –οντος, ὁ	ruler, archon	γιγνώσκω	come to know, learn
ἀσπίς, –ίδος, ἡ	a round shield	γλυκύς –εῖα –ύν	sweet
ἄστυ, ἄστεως, τό	town	γλῶσσα –ης, ἡ	tongue, language
ἀσφάλεια –ας, ἡ	security	γνώμη –ης, ἡ	thought, intelligence, opinion
ἀσφαλής –ές	safe	γοῦν	so then, for sure
ἀτάρ	but	γράμμα –ατος, τό	letter
ἄτε	just as, because	γράφω	write
ἄτη –ης, ἡ	blindness, destruction	γύμνος –η –ον	naked
αὔ, αὔθις	again	γυνή, γυναικός, ἡ	woman
αὐξάνω	increase	δαίμων –ονος, ὁ	spirit, god, demon
αὔτε	again	δακρύω	cry
αὐτίκα	immediately	δέ	and, but
αὐτόθι	on the spot	δεῖ	it is necessary
αὐτός –ή --ό	self, same, s/he/it	δεῖδω	fear
ἄφνω	suddenly	δείκνυμι	show
βαίνω	walk	δειλός –ή –όν	cowardly
βάλλω	throw	δεινός –ή --όν	awesome
βάρβαρος –α –ον	foreign, barbarous	δεῖπνον –ου, τό	feast
βαρύς –εῖα –ύ	heavy	δέκα	ten
βασιλεία –ας, ἡ	queen	δένδρον –ου, τό	tree
βασιλῆος –α –ον	kingly, royal	δεξιός –ά –όν	right
τὰ βασιλεία	palace	δέος –ους, τό	fear
βασιλεύς, βασιλεως, ὁ	king	δεσπότης –ου, ὁ	master
βασιλεύω	be king, rule, reign	δεῦρο (to)	here
βασιλικός –ή --όν	royal, kingly	δεύτερος –α –ον	second
βέβαιος –α –ον	firm	δέχομαι	welcome
βέλος –ους, τό	missile, weapon	δέω (1)	bind
βέλτιστος –η –ον	best	δέω (2)	need
βελτίων –ον	better	δή	now
βία –ας, ἡ	force	δηλός –η –ον	clear
βιάζω, βιάω	force, compel	δηλόω	show
βίβλος –ου, ὁ	book	δημος –ου, ὁ	people

δήπου perhaps, maybe  
 διά + *gen, acc* through  
   διαίρέω divide, cut apart  
   διαβαίνω step across  
   διαβάλλω throw across  
   διέρχομαι go through  
   διάκειμαι be arranged (pass. of διατίθημι)  
   διαλέγω discuss  
   διαλύω dissolve  
   διάνοια -ας, ή thought, intention  
   διοικέω manage a house  
   διαπράσσω pass over, accomplish  
   διατελέω finish  
   διατίθημι arrange  
   διατρίβω consume, spend time  
   διαφέρω carry on, make a difference  
   διαφεύγω escape  
   διαφθείρω destroy  
 διαθήκη -ης, ή arrangement, last will and testament  
 δίαιτα -ης, ή lifestyle  
 διακόσιοι -αι -α two hundred  
 διδάσκω teach  
 δίδωμι give  
 δικάζω judge  
 δίκαιος -α -ον just  
 δικαιοσύνη -ης, ή justice  
 δικαστήριον -ον, τό court  
 δικαστής -οῦ, ό judge, juror  
 δίκη -ης, ή justice, lawsuit  
 διό, διόπερ because of this  
 δῖος -α -ον divine  
 διότι since  
 διπλοῦς -ῆ -οῦν double  
 δισχίλιοι -αι -α two thousand  
 δίχα apart  
 διώκω pursue  
 δόγμα -ατος, τό opinion, dogma  
 δοκεῖ it seems  
 δοκέω think  
 δόλος -ου, ό trick  
 δόξα -ης, ή glory, opinion  
 δόρυ, δόρατος, τό spear  
 δοῦλος -ου, ό slave  
 δράω do  
 δύναμαι be able, can  
 δύναμις -εως, ή power  
 δυνατός -ή -όν able  
 δύο, two  
 δώδεκα twelve  
 δῶμα -ατος, τό house  
 δῶρον -ου, τό gift  
 ἕαν = εἰ + ἄν  
 ἕαρ, ἕαρος, τό spring  
 ἑαυτοῦ -ῆς -οῦ him/her/itself  
 ἕάω allow  
 ἕγγύς near  
 ἕγείρω wake up

ἐγώ, ἐμοῦ I  
 ἐθέλω wish  
 ἔθνος -ους, τό nation  
 ἔθος, -ους, τό custom, character  
 ἔθω be accustomed  
 εἰ, εἴπερ if  
 εἶδομαι, εἶδον see (cf. ὁράω)  
 εἶδος -ους, τό form  
 εἰκός, εἰκότος, τό proper, probable  
 εἴκοσι twenty  
 εἰκῶν -όνος, ή image  
 εἰμί be  
 εἶμι go (cf. ἔρχομαι)  
 εἶπον say (cf. λέγω, φημί)  
 εἶργω confine  
 εἰρήνη -ης, ή peace  
 εἰς + *acc* into  
   εἰσάγω lead  
   εἰσερχομαι go into, enter  
   εἰσφέρω carry into, pay taxes  
 εἷς, μία, ἕν one  
 εἴτα then, next  
 εἴτε either...or  
 ἐκ, ἐξ + *gen* from, out of  
   ἐξάγω lead out  
   ἐξαιρέω take out  
   ἐξαπατάω deceive  
   ἐκβάλλω throw out  
   ἐκδίδωμι surrender  
   ἐξελέγχω refute  
   ἐξέρχομαι go or come out  
   ἕξεστι it is allowed, it is possible  
   ἐκλείπω leave out  
   ἐκπέμπω send out  
   ἐκπίπτω fall out  
   ἐκτείνω stretch out  
   ἐκφέρω carry out  
 ἕκαστος -η -ον each  
 ἕκτερος -α -ον each of two  
 ἕκατόν hundred  
 ἐκεῖ there  
 ἐκεῖθεν from there  
 ἐκεῖνος -η -ον that  
 ἐκκλησία -ας, ή assembly  
 ἐκτός outside  
 ἐκῶν -οῦσα -όν, willing  
 ἐλάσσων -ον smaller, less  
 ἐλαύνω drive  
 ἕλεγος -ου, ό a lament  
 ἐλέγχω refute  
 ἐλευθερία -ας, ή freedom  
 ἐλεύθερος -α -ον free  
 ἐλευθερόω set free  
 ἐλπίζω hope for  
 ἐλπίς -ίδος, ή hope  
 ἑμαυτοῦ my own  
 ἑμός -ή -όν my, mine  
 ἐν + *dat* in

ἐμβάλλω	throw in	ἔρομαι	ask
ἐνδίδωμι	give in	ἔρχομαι	come, go
ἐνθυμέομαι	ponder	ἔρω	will say
ἐγκαλέω	accuse	ἔρωσ -ωτος, ὁ	love
ἐμπίπτω	fall on	ἔρωτάω	ask
ἔμπροσθεν	in front	ἔσθῆς -ῆτος, ἡ	clothing
ἐντυγχάνω	meet with	ἔσθίω	eat
ἐναντίος -α -ον	opposite	ἔσπερα -ας, ἡ	evening
ἐνεκα	because of	ἔσχατος -η -ον	last
ἐνθα	there	ἐταῖρος -ου, ὁ	companion
ἐνθάδε	from there	ἕτερος -α -ον	other
ἐνιαυτός -οῦ, ὁ	year	ἕτης -ου, ὁ	kin, cousin
ἐνιοι -αι -α	some	ἔτι	still
ἐνίοτε	sometimes	ἔτοιμος or ἐτοῖμος -η -ον	ready
ἐνταῦθα	here, there	ἔτος -ους, τό	year
ἐντεῦθεν	from here, from there	εὖ	well
ἐντός	inside	εὐδαίμων -ον	happy, lucky, blessed
ἕξ	six	εὐθύς -εῖα -ύ	straight
ἐξετάζω	examine	εὐνοια -ας, ἡ	good-will
ἐξαίφνης	suddenly	εὐρίσκω	find
ἕξήκοντα	sixty	εὐρύς -εῖα -ύ	broad
ἐξουσία -ας, ἡ	authority	εὐχομαι	pray
ἔξω	outside	ἐχθρός -ά -όν	hated
ἔοικα	be like	ἔχω	have, hold
ἐπεὶ	after, since, when	ἕως	until
ἐπείγω	press hard (mid: hurry)	ζάω	live
ἐπειδάν	whenever	Ζεὺς, Διός, ὁ	Zeus
ἔπειτα	then, next	ζητέω	seek
ἐπί + gen at; + dat on; + acc on to, against		ἢ or, than	
ἐπαγγέλλω	announce	ἦ [strengthening particle]	
ἐπάγω	bring on	or [introduces lively questions]	
ἐπαινέω	praise	or = "s/he said" from ἡμί	
ἐπανερχομαι	go back, return	or = 1 <sup>st</sup> sg impf indic act of εἰμί	
ἐπιβάλλω	throw on	ἦ [3d sg pres subj act of εἰμί]	
ἐπιβουλεύω	plan against	ἡ [feminine article nom sg]	
ἐπιγίγνομαι	be born after, come after	ἡ [relative pronoun, fem nom sg, "who, which"]	
ἐπιδείκνυμι	exhibit	ἡ [relative pronoun, fem dat sg]	
ἐπέρχομαι	come to	or ["where"]	
ἐπέχω	hold on to	ἡγεμών, -όνος, ὁ	leader
ἐπιθυμέω	desire	ἡγέομαι	lead, consider
ἐπίστημι	set upon	ἦδη	already
ἐπιμέλεια -ας, ἡ	care, attention	ἦδομαι	rejoice
ἐπιμελέομαι	take care of	ἡδονή -ῆς, ἡ	pleasure
ἐπιτίθημι	put on	ἡδύς -εῖα, -ύ	sweet
ἐπιτρέπω	entrust	ἥκιστος -η -ον	least
ἐπιφανής -ές	evident	ἦκω	have come, be present
ἐπιφέρω	put upon	ἡλικία -ας, ἡ	time of life, age
ἐπιχειρέω	attempt	ἥλιος -ου, ὁ	sun
ἐπίσταμαι	know	ἦμαι	sit
ἐπιστήμη -ης, ἡ	knowledge	ἡμέρα -ας, ἡ	day
ἐπιστολή -ῆς, ἡ	message, letter	ἡμέτερος -α -ον	our
ἐπιτήδειος -α -ον	convenient	ἡμί	say
ἔπομαι	follow	ἡμισυς -εἰα -υ	half
ἔπος -ους, τό	word	ἡπειρος -ου, ἡ	the land
ἐργάζομαι	work	ἡρώς, ἡρώος, ὁ	hero
ἔργον -ου, τό	work	ἡσυχία -ας, ἡ	quiet
ἐρήμος -η -ον	deserted	ἡσσάομαι	be inferior, be defeated
ἔρις, -ιδος, ἡ	strife		

ἥσσω -ον less, weaker  
 θάλασσα -ης, ἡ the sea  
 θάνατος -ου, ὁ death  
 θάπτω bury  
 θαρσέω be bold, courageous  
 θαυμάζω be in awe  
 θαυμαστός -ή -όν awesome  
 θεά -ās, ἡ goddess  
 θεάομαι watch  
 θεῖος -α -ον divine  
 θεός -οῦ, ὁ god  
 θεραπεύω serve  
 θερμός -ου, ὁ heat  
 θέω run  
 θεωρέω look at  
 θνήσκω die  
 θρόνος -ου, ὁ seat  
 θυγάτηρ, θυγατρός, ἡ daughter  
 θυμός -οῦ, ὁ soul, spirit  
 θύρα -ας, ἡ door  
 θυσία -ας, ἡ sacrifice  
 θύω sacrifice  
 θώραξ -ακος, ὁ breastplate  
 ἰατρός -οῦ, ὁ doctor  
 ἴδιος -α -ον one's own  
 ἰδιώτης -ου, ὁ a private person, an individual  
 ἰδοῦ look!  
 ἰδρύω make sit down, seat  
 ἱερεύς -έως, ὁ priest  
 ἱερόν -οῦ, τό temple  
 ἱερός -ᾶ -ον holy  
 ἵημι throw  
 ἱκανός -ή -όν sufficient  
 ἰκνέομαι come  
 ἵνα there, so that  
 ἵππεύς -έως, ὁ horseman  
 ἵππος -ου, ὁ horse  
 ἴσος -η -ον equal  
 ἵστημι stand  
 ἱστορία -ας, ἡ inquiry  
 ἰσχυρός -ά -όν strong  
 ἰσχύς, ἰσχύος, ἡ strength  
 καθά just as  
 καθαρός -ά -όν pure  
 καθό in so far as  
 καί and  
 καίπερ although  
 καιρός -οῦ, ὁ the right time  
 καίτοι and indeed, and yet  
 κακός -ή -όν bad  
 καλέω call  
 κάλλος -ους, τό beauty  
 καλός -ή -όν beautiful  
 κάμνω work  
 κᾶν = καί + ἐν  
 κᾶν = καί + εἰ + ἄν  
 καρδιά -ας, ἡ heart

καρπός -οῦ, ὁ fruit  
 κατά + *gen.* or *acc.* down  
 καταβαίνω step down  
 καταγιγνώσκω have prejudice, charge  
 κατάγω lead down  
 κάθημαι sit  
 καθίστημι set down  
 καταλαμβάνω take hold of  
 καταλείπω leave behind  
 καταλύω put down  
 καταπλήσσω strike down  
 κατασκευάζω equip  
 καταστρέφω subdue  
 καταφεύγω flee for refuge  
 καταφρονέω despise (+ *gen.*)  
 κατέχω restrain  
 κατηγορέω accuse  
 κατοικέω dwell, settle  
 κεῖμαι lie down  
 κελεύω order  
 κενός -ή -όν empty  
 κέρασ -ατος, τό horn  
 κεφαλή -ῆς, ἡ head  
 κῆρυξ -υκος, ὁ messenger  
 κινδυνεύω risk  
 κίνδυνος -ου, ὁ danger  
 κινέω move  
 κλέος -ους, τό glory  
 κλέπτω steal  
 κλίνω bend  
 κοινός -ή -όν common  
 κολάζω punish  
 κόλπος -ου, ὁ womb, bay  
 κομίζω bring  
 κόπτω cut  
 κόρη -ης, ἡ girl  
 κοσμέω arrange  
 κόσμος -ου, ὁ order  
 κρατέω rule (+ *gen.*)  
 κράτιστος -η -ον strongest  
 κράτος -ους, τό strength  
 κρείσσω -ον stronger  
 κρίνω judge, decide  
 κρίσις -εως, ἡ judgment, decision  
 κριτής -ου, ὁ judge  
 κρύπτω hide  
 κτάομαι acquire  
 κτείνω kill  
 κύκλος -ου, ὁ circle  
 κυρέω meet (+ *gen.*), happen  
 κύριος -ου, ὁ lord, master  
 κύων, κυνός, ὁ or ἡ dog  
 κωλύω prevent  
 κώμη -ης, ἡ village  
 λαγχάνω obtain by a lottery  
 λαλέω talk, babble  
 λαμβάνω take

λαμπρός -ά -όν bright	μνήμη -ης, ἡ memory
λανθάνω do without being noticed	μοῖρα -ας, ἡ fate
λέγω say, speak	μόνος -η -ον alone, single
λείπω leave	μῦθος -ου, ὁ story
λευκός -ή -όν white	μυριάς -άδος, ἡ 10,000, a countless amount
λεώς, λεώ, ὁ the people	μυρίος -α -ον countless
λίθος -ου, ὁ stone	ναί yes
λιμήν -ένος, ὁ harbor	ναυμαχία -ας, ἡ sea battle
λίμνη -ης, ἡ pool, swamp	ναῦς, νεώς, ἡ ship
λιμός -οῦ, ὁ or ἡ hunger	ναυτικός -ή -όν naval
λογίζομαι calculate	νεανίας -ου, ὁ young man
λόγος -ου, ὁ word	νεκρός -οῦ, ὁ corpse
λοιπός -ή -όν remaining	νέμω distribute
λόφος -ου, ὁ crest (esp. of a helmet), mane, ridge	νέος -α -ον young
λυπέω hurt	νεώς, νεώ, ὁ temple
λύω loosen, destroy	νησος -ου, ἡ island
μακρός -ά -όν long	νικάω conquer, win
μάλα very, very much	νίκη -ης, ἡ victory
μάλιστα very, very much	νοέω have in mind
μᾶλλον more, rather	νομίζω consider
μανθάνω learn	νόμιμος -η -ον customary
μανία -ας, ἡ insanity	νόμος -ου, ὁ custom, law
μάντις -εως, ὁ prophet	νοῦς, νοῦ, ὁ mind
μαρτυρέω witness, give testimony	νόσος -ου, ὁ disease
μαρτυρία -ας, ἡ witness, testimony, evidence	νύμφη -ης, ἡ bride
μάρτυς, μάρτυρος, ὁ or ἡ witness	νῦν, νυνί now
μάχη -ης, ἡ battle	νύξ, νυκτός, ἡ night
μάχομαι fight	ξένος -ου, ὁ foreigner, stranger
μέγαρον -ου, τό a large room	ξύλον -ου, τό wood
μέγας, μεγάλη, μέγα big	ὁ, ἡ τό the
μέγεθος -ους, τό magnitude	ὄδε ἤδε τόδε this
μέλας, μέλαινα, μέλαν black	ὁδός -οῦ, ἡ road
μέλει it is a problem, or worry, for (+ <i>dat.</i> )	ὅθεν from where
μέλλω intend, going to	οἶδα know
μέν on the one hand, on the other hand	οἰκεῖος -α -ον domestic
μέντοι however, of course	οἰκέτης -ου, ὁ servant
μένω stay	οἰκέω inhabit, occupy
μέρος -ους, τό part	οἰκία -ας, ἡ house, household
μέσος -η -ον middle	οἰκοδομέω build a house
μετά with (+ <i>gen.</i> ) after (+ <i>acc.</i> )	οἶκος -ου, ὁ house
μεταβάλλω change	οἶμαι, οἶομαι think
μεταπέμπω summon	οἶος -α -ον such a kind
μετέχω be involved (+ <i>gen.</i> )	οἶος -α -ον τ' εἰμί be able
μεταξύ between	οἴχομαι be gone
μέχρι until	ὀκτώ eight
μή not (οὐ with indicative verbs)	ὀλίγος -η -ον few
μηδέ and not	ὄλλυμι destroy, lose
μηδεῖς no one	ὄλος -η -ον whole
μήτε and not	ὄμνυμι swear
μῆκος -ους, τό length	ὅμοιος -α -ον or ὁμοῖος -α -ον like
μήν [emphasizes preceding particle]	ὁμοιόω make like
μήτηρ, μητρός, ἡ mother	ὁμολογέω agree
μηχανή -ῆς, ἡ device	ὁμόω unite
μικρός -ά -όν small	ὅμως nevertheless
μιμνήσκω remind, (in perfect middle) remember	ὄνομα -ατος, τό name
μισέω hate	ὀνομάζω call by name
μισθός -οῦ, ὁ pay	ὀξύς -εῖα -ύ sharp
μνᾶ μνᾶς, ἡ <i>mina</i> , = 100 <i>drachma</i> = 1/60 <i>talent</i>	ὀπλίτης -ου, ὁ heavily-armed soldier, hoplite

ὄπλον –ου, τό weapon, tool  
 ὅποιος –α –ον of what sort  
 ὅπόσος –η –ον as many as  
 ὅποτε when  
 ὅπου wherever  
 ὅπως how, as, so that  
 ὁράω see  
 ὀργή –ῆς, ἡ anger  
 ὀργίζω make angry  
 ὀρθός –η –ον straight  
 ὀρθόω set straight  
 ὄρκος –ου, ὁ oath  
 ὀρμάω rush  
 ὀρμή –ῆς, ἡ attack  
 ὄρος, ὄρου, ὁ mountain, hill  
 ὄρος, ὄρου, ὁ boundary  
 ὅς ἢ ὅ who, which, that  
 ὅσος –η –ον however much  
 ὅσπερ, ἤπερ, ὅπερ the very one who, the very thing  
 which  
 ὅστε ἢτε ὅτε who, which  
 ὅστις ὅτι any one who, anything which  
 ὅταν = ὅτε + ἄν whenever  
 ὅτε when  
 ὅτι because, that  
 οὐ, οὐκ, οὐχ not (with indicative verbs)  
     οὐδέ but not  
     οὐδεῖς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν no one, nothing  
     οὐκέτι no longer  
     οὔτε and not  
     οὔτις no one, nobody  
     οὔπω not yet  
 οὓ where  
 οὐκοῦν therefore  
 οὖν therefore, so  
 οὐρανός –οῦ, ὁ sky, heaven  
 οὐσία –ας, ἡ substance, property  
 οὗτος, αὕτη, τοῦτο this  
 οὕτως in this way  
 ὀφείλω owe  
 ὀφθαλμός –οῦ, ὁ eye  
 ὄφρα so that, until  
 ὄχλος –ου, ὁ crowd, mob  
 ὄψις, –εως, ἡ sight, appearance  
 πάθος –ους, τό suffering  
 παιδεύω educate  
 παῖς, παιδός, ὁ, ἡ child  
 παλαιός –ά –όν old  
 πάλιν back  
 παντάπασιν altogether  
 πάντη entirely  
 πάνυ altogether  
 παρά, παρ' from (+ *gen.*), beside (+ *dat.*), to (+ *acc.*)  
     παραγγέλλω transmit  
     παραγίγνομαι be present  
     παραδίδωμι hand over  
     παραδόξος –ον contrary to expectation,

paradoxical  
 πάρεμι be present  
 πάρεστι it is possible (+ *dat.*)  
 παρέρχομαι pass by  
 παρέχω provide  
 παρίστημι set or stand beside  
 παρακαλέω call for  
 παραλαμβάνω receive  
 παραπλήσιος –α –ον resembling  
 παρασκευάζω prepare  
 παρασκευή –ῆς, ἡ preparation  
 παραχρῆμα immediately  
 παρθένος –ου, ἡ girl  
 πᾶς πᾶσα πᾶν all  
 πάσσω sprinkle  
 πάσχω suffer, experience  
 πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ father  
 πάτριος –α –ον of or belonging to one's father  
 πατρίς, –ίδος, ἡ fatherland  
 παύω stop  
 πεδίον –ου, τό plain  
 πεζός –ή –όν on foot  
 πείθω persuade  
 πειράζω test  
 πειράω try  
 πέλας near  
 πέμπω send  
 πεντακόσιοι –αι –α five hundred  
 πέντε five  
 πενήκοντα fifty  
 πέρ [emphasizes preceding word]  
 περάω pass through  
 πέρθω destroy  
 περί around, about (+ *gen.*, *dat.*, *acc.*)  
     περίεμι be around  
     περίστημι place round  
 πέτρα –ας, ἡ rock  
 πηρός –ά –όν disabled  
 πίμπλημι fill  
 πίνω drink  
 πίπτω fall  
 πιστεύω trust  
 πίστις, –εως, ἡ trust  
 πιστός –ή –όν faithful  
 πλείστος –η –ον most  
 πλείων, πλείων more  
 πλέω sail  
 πλέως, πλέα, πλέων full of  
 πληθος –ους, τό crowd  
 πλην except (+ *gen.*)  
 πληρόω fill  
 πλησίος –α –ον near  
 πλήσσω strike  
 πλοῖον –ου, τό ship  
 πλούσιος –α –ον rich  
 πλοῦτος –ου, ὁ wealth  
 πνεῦμα –ατος, τό wind, breath  
 ποιέω make



ποιητής –οῦ, ὁ creator, poet  
 ποῖος –α –ον what sort of?  
 πολεμέω make war  
 πολέμιος –α –ον hostile (m.pl.: the enemy)  
 πόλεμος –ου, ὁ war  
 πολιορκέω besiege  
 πολιορκία –ας, ἡ siege  
 πόλις, –εως, ἡ a city  
 πολιτεία –ας, ἡ constitution, citizenship, republic  
 πολιτεύω participate in government or politics  
 πολίτης –ου, ὁ citizen  
 πολιτικός –ή –όν political  
 πολλάκις often  
 πολὺς πολλή πολύ many  
 πονηρός –α –ον evil, painful  
 πόνος –ου, ὁ work  
 πορεία –ας, ἡ journey  
 πορεύω carry, march  
 πορθέω destroy  
 πόρρω far  
 ποταμός –οῦ, ὁ river  
 ποτέ ever  
 πότερος –α –ον which of the two?  
 ποτός –η –ον drinkable  
 πού somewhere  
 πούς ποδός, ὁ foot  
 πράγμα –ατος, τό thing  
 πράξις, –εως, ἡ action  
 πράσσω do  
 πρεσβευτής –οῦ, ὁ old man, ambassador (rare in pl.)  
 πρεσβεύω be the elder or ambassador  
 πρέσβυς, πρέσβεως, ὁ ambassador (esp. in pl.), old man  
 πρίν before  
 πρό + *gen.* before  
     προάγω lead on  
     προαίρεισις, –εως, ἡ choice, purpose  
     προαίρῶ prefer, choose  
     πρόγονος –ου, ὁ ancestor  
     προδίδωμι betray  
     προερέω, προεῖπον proclaim  
     προέρχομαι advance  
     προθέω run forward  
     προθυμία –ας, ἡ eagerness  
     πρόθυμος –ον eager  
     προΐημι send ahead, shoot  
     προΐστημι set in front  
     πρόνοια –ας, ἡ foresight  
 πρὸς + *dat.* to, + *acc.* in addition to  
     προσαγορεύω greet  
     προσάγω put before  
     προσδέχομαι accept  
     πρόσειμι belong to, be present  
     προσέρχομαι come or go to  
     προσέχω hold to, offer  
     προσήκω have arrived  
     πρόσθεν before

προσλαμβάνω take or receive besides  
 προσπίπτω fall upon, strike against  
 προστάσσω place at  
 προστίθημι put to  
 προσφέρω bring to  
 πρόσωπον –ου, τό face  
 πρότερος –α –ον before  
 πρόφασις –εως, ἡ excuse  
 προφήτης –ου, ὁ prophet  
 πρῶτος –η –ον first  
 πτερόν –οῦ, τό wing  
 πύλη –ης, ἡ gate  
 πυθάνομαι ascertain  
 πῦρ, πυρός, τό fire  
 πωλέω sell  
 πῶποτε ever yet  
 πῶς in any way  
 πῶς how?  
 ῥάδιος –α –ον easy  
 ῥέω flow  
 ῥήτωρ, ῥήτορος, ὁ orator, speaker, politician  
 ῥύθμος –ου, ὁ rhythm  
 ῥώμη –ης, ἡ strength  
 σαυτοῦ –ῆς yourself [reflexive]  
 σαφής –ές clear  
 σελήνη –ης, ἡ moon  
 σημαίνω show  
 σημεῖον –ου, τό sign  
 σῖτος –ου, ὁ grain  
 σκέπτομαι examine  
 σκευάζω prepare  
 σκηνή –ης, ἡ tent, stage  
 σκοπέω look at  
 σός –ή –όν your, yours  
 σοφία –ας, ἡ wisdom  
 σοφός –ή –όν wise  
 σπεύδω hurry  
 σπονδή –ῆς, ἡ libation  
 σπουδάζω hurry  
 σπουδή –ῆς, ἡ eagerness  
 στάδιον –ου, τό *stade* = 606.75 feet = roughly 1/8 of a mile  
 στάσις –εως, ἡ revolution  
 στέλλω send  
 στερέω separate  
 στέρνον –ου, τό chest  
 στεφανόω surround, crown  
 στόλος –ου, ὁ expedition  
 στόμα –ατος, τό mouth  
 στρατεία –ας, ἡ expedition, campaign  
 στρατεύμα –ατος, τό expedition, campaign  
 στρατεύω do military service  
 στρατηγός –οῦ, ὁ general  
 στρατιά –ᾶς, ἡ army  
 στρατιώτης –ου, ὁ soldier  
 στρατοπεδεύω encamp  
 στρατόπεδον –ου, τό camp

στρατός –οῦ, ὁ army	τέμνω cut
στρέφω turn	τεσσαράκοντα forty
σύ, σου you	τέσσαρες –α four
σύν with (+ <i>dat.</i> )	τέταρτος –η –ον fourth
συνάγω bring together	τετρακόσιοι –αι –α four hundred
συνάπτω bind together	τεύχω build
συγγενής –ές related	τέχνη –ης, ἡ art, skill
συγγνώμη –ης, ἡ pardon	τῆ, here, there
σύγκλητος –ον specially called	τηλικούτος –αὔτη –οὔτον of such an age or size
συλλαμβάνω collect	τηρέω watch for
συμβαίνω happen, agree with	τίθημι put
συμβάλλω throw together	τίκτω give birth
συμβουλεύω advise	τιμάω honor
σύνειμι be with, associate with, live with	τιμή –ῆς, ἡ value
συνέρχομαι to come together	τιμωρέω help, avenge
συνεχής –ές continuous	τιμωρία –ας, ἡ help, vengeance
συνθήκη –ης, ἡ composition, contract	τις τι someone, something
συνίστημι bring together	τίς τί who? what? which?
συμμαχέω be an ally	τοι let me tell you, for sure
συμμαχία –ας, ἡ alliance	τοίνυν therefore
σύμμαχος –ον allied	τοιόσδε, τοιάδε, τοιόνδε such a
σύμπας –πᾶσα –πᾶν all together	τοιούτος, τοιαύτη, τοιούτο such as this
συμφέρω benefit (+ <i>dat.</i> )	τολμάω dare
συμφορά –ᾶς, ἡ accident	τόξον –ου, τό bow
συντάσσω arrange	τόπος –ου, ὁ place, topic
συντίθημι put together	τοσόσδε –ἦδε –οὔδε so much, so many
συγχωρέω come together, agree	τοσοῦτος –αὔτη –οὔτο(ν) so large, so much
σφάζω kill	τότε then
σφεῖς, σφῶν they	τραῦμα –ατος, τό wound
σφέτερος –α –ον their (own)	τρεῖς τρία three
σφόδρα exceedingly	τρέπω turn
σχεδόν close, almost	τρέφω nourish
σχῆμα –ατος, τό form	τρέχω run
σχολή –ῆς, ἡ leisure	τρέω flee
σώζω save	τριάκοντα, thirty
σῶμα –ατος, τό body	τριακόσιοι –αι –α, three hundred
σωτηρία –ας, ἡ safety	τρίβω rub
τάλαντον –ου, τό an amount of silver worth 600 drachma	τριήρης –ους, ἡ trireme
τάξις –εως, ἡ arrangement, order	τρίτος –η –ον third
τάσσω arrange	τρόπος –ου, ὁ way
ταύτη in this way,	τροφή –ῆς, ἡ nourishment, food
ταῦρος –ου, ὁ bull	τυγχάνω happen (+ <i>part.</i> ) hit, meet, have (+ <i>gen.</i> )
ταυτό = τὸ αὐτό the same	τυραννίς –ίδος, ἡ tyranny
τάφος –ου, ὁ tomb	τύραννος –ου, ὁ ruler, tyrant
τάχος –ους, τό speed	τύχη –ης, ἡ luck
ταχύς –εῖα –ύ quick	ὑβρίζω insult, offend, disrespect
τε and	ὑβρις –εως, ἡ offense, disrespect, arrogance
τείνω stretch	ὑγιής –ές healthy
τειχέω build walls	ὔδωρ, ὔδατος, τό water
τείχος –ους, τό wall	υἱός –οῦ, ὁ son
τεκμήριον –ου, τό evidence	ὑμέτερος –α –ον your, yours
τέκνον –ου, τό child	ὑπάτος –η –ον highest, the top of
τελευταῖος –α –ον last, final	ὑπέρ for (+ <i>gen.</i> ), beyond (+ <i>acc.</i> )
τελευτάω finish, die	ὑπερβάλλω excel
τελευτή –ῆς, ἡ completion, death	ὑπερβολή –ῆς, ἡ excess
τελέω fulfil	ὑπισχνέομαι promise
τέλος –ους, τό end	ὑπνος –ου, ὁ sleep

ὑπό by (+ *gen.*), under (+ *gen., dat.*), down under (+ *acc.*)

ὑπακούω listen to  
ὑπάρχω begin, exist  
ὑπολαμβάνω take up  
ὑπομένω stay behind, survive

ὔστερος -α -ον following

ὑψηλός -ή -όν high

φαίνω show, appear

φάλαγξ, -αγγος, ἡ phalanx, battle-array

φανερός -ά -όν clear

φάρμακον -ου, τό drug

φάσκω claim

φαῦλος -η -ον trivial

φέρω carry

φεύγω flee, run away

φημί say

φθάνω anticipate

φθείρω destroy

φιλέω love

φιλία -ας, ἡ love, friendship

φίλιος -α -ον friendly, dear

φίλος -η -ον beloved, dear

φοβέω terrify

φόβος -ου, ό fear

φόνος -ου, ό slaughter

φράζω tell

φρήν, φρενός, ἡ mind

φρονέω think

φροντίζω think

φρουρά -ας, ἡ guard

φυγάς -άδος, ό or ἡ fugitive

φυγή -ῆς, ἡ escape

φυλακή -ῆς, ἡ guard

φυλάσσω guard

φυλή -ῆς, ἡ race, tribe

φύσις -εως, ἡ nature

φύω produce

φωνέω make a sound, speak

φωνή -ῆς, ἡ sound, voice

φῶς, φωτός, ό light

χαίρω be happy

χαλεπός -ή -όν difficult

χάρις, -ιτος, ἡ grace, favor

χειμών -ῶνος, ό winter

χείρ, χειρός, ἡ hand

χειρόω manage, master

χείρων, χειρόν worse

χέω pour

χίλιοι -αι -α a thousand

χόω pile up, bury

χράομαι use (+ *dat.*)

χράω (a) scrape (b) attack, be eager, desire (*impf*)  
(c) furnish

χρεία -ας, ἡ use

χρή it is fated, necessary

χρήμα -ατος, τό thing, (*pl.*) money

χρήσιμος -η -ον useful

χρηστός -ή -όν useful

χρόνος -ου, ό time

χρυσοῦς -ῆ -οῦν golden

χρυσός -οῦ, ό gold

χώρα -ας, ἡ land

χωρέω move

χωρίον -ου, τό place

χωρίς apart

ψευδής -ές false

ψεύδω lie, cheat

ψηφίζω vote

ψήφισμα -ατος, τό decree

ψηφος -ου, ἡ vote

ψυχή -ῆς, ἡ breath

ὦ, O! oh!

ὥδε in this way

ώρα -ας, ἡ season

ὥς as, since, so that (+ *subj/ opt*), (indirect  
statement) that, to (+ *acc.*)

ὥσπερ just as, as if

ὥστε that (result)

ὠφελέω help