

PRINCIPAL PARTS OF GREEK VERBS in CORE VOCABULARY STEMS ENDING in LABIALS

Paradigm for principal parts of Greek verbs:

Present	Future	Aorist	Perfect Active	Perfect Middle	Aorist Passive	Meaning
<u>stem</u> + ω	<u>stem</u> + σω	augment + <u>stem</u> + σα	reduplication + <u>stem</u> + κα	reduplication + <u>stem</u> + μαι	augment + <u>stem</u> + θην	
<u>λύω</u>	<u>λύσω</u>	<u>ἔλυσα</u>	<u>λέλυκα</u>	<u>λέλυμαι</u>	<u>ἐλύθην</u>	loosen

Verbs whose stems end in labials have present stems which end in β, π, πτ, or φ.

The stems of these verbs go through a fairly predictable set of changes:

+ σ → ψ, therefore -ψ- in future and aorist

+ κ → φ, therefore -φ- in perfect active

+ μ → μμ, therefore -μμ- in perfect middle

+ θ → φθ, therefore -φθ- in aorist passive

Example: τρίβω, τρίψω, ἔτριψα, τέτριφα, τέτριμμαι, ἐτρίφθην

Vowels:

augmented, lengthened or reduplicated:

α or ε → η (except after ε, ι, ρ, where α → ᾱ)

ο → ω

Consonants:

reduplicated:

φ → πεφ-

χ → κεχ-

θ → τεθ-

σ → ἔσ-

Regular verbs. Not all verbs are attested in all tenses, moods, and voices, but the following verbs normally form their stems regularly:

ἀμείβω (change), ἄπτω (join; mid: touch), κρύπτω (hide), σκέπτομαι (examine), τρίβω (rub).

Verbs with stems which violate the above rules are listed below, with the irregular part(s) underlined. While many verbs lack one or more principal parts, or are simply not attested in some forms, lack of a particular part does not in itself constitute a violation. A verb must display an irregular formation to be listed here. Most irregularities involve changes in the vowels in the stem.

Present	Future	Aorist	Perfect Active	Perfect Middle	Aorist Passive	Meaning
βλάπτω	βλάψω	ἔβλαψα	βέβλαφα	βέβλαμμαι	ἐβλάφθην or ἐβλάβην	hurt
βλέπω	<u>βλέψομαι</u>	ἔβλεψα	βέβλεφα	βέβλεμμαι	ἐβλέφθην	see
γράφω	γράψω	ἔγραψα	γέγραφα	γέγραμμαι	<u>έγράφην</u>	write
ἔπομαι	ἔψομαι	<u>έσπόμην</u>				follow
θάπτω	θάψω	ἔθαψα		τέθαμμαι	<u>έτάφην</u>	bury
κλέπτω	κλέψω	ἔκλεψα	<u>κέκλοφα</u>	κέκλεμμαι	<u>έκλάπην</u>	steal
κόπτω	κόψω	ἔκοψα	<u>κέκοφα</u>	κέκομμαι	<u>έκόπην</u>	cut
<u>λαμβάνω</u>	<u>λήψομαι</u>	<u>έλαβον</u>	<u>είληφα</u>	<u>είλημμαι</u>	<u>έλήφθην</u>	take
λείπω	λείψω	<u>έλιπον</u>	<u>λέλοιπα</u>	λέλειμμαι	έλείφθην	leave
πέμπω	πέμψω	ἔπεμψα	<u>πέπομφα</u>	πέπεμμαι	έπέμφθην	send
πίπτω (see dental stem verbs)						
στρέφω	στρέψω	ἔστρεψα		<u>έστραμμαι</u>	<u>έστράφθην</u>	turn
τρέπω	τρέψω	ἔτρεψα	<u>τέτροφα</u>	<u>τέτραμμαι</u>	<u>έτράφθην</u> or <u>έτράπην</u>	turn
<u>τρέφω</u>	<u>θρέψω</u>	<u>έθρεψα</u>	<u>τέτροφα</u>	<u>τέθραμμαι</u>	<u>έτράφην</u>	nourish