

## PRINCIPAL PARTS OF GREEK VERBS in CORE VOCABULARY TEN VERBS with MIXED STEMS

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>έλυσα</u>	<u>λέλυκα</u>	<u>λέλυμαι</u>	<u>έλύθην</u>	loosen

Some Greek verbs appear to undergo radical stem changes in their principal parts. In some cases, stems from different verbs do in fact take the place of another verb's stems. In other cases, the original stem is obscured for other reasons. This list surveys the most common verbs of apparent mixed stems.

Present	Future	Aorist	Perfect Active	Perfect Middle	Aorist Passive	Meaning
1. αἰρέω	αἰρήσω	εἶλον	ἤρηκα	ἤρημαι	ἤρέθην	take (mid: choose)
αἰρ- is the stem except for the aorist active, which has the stem ἐλ-.						
	άλίσκομαι	άλώσομαι	έάλων	έάλωκα		be taken
serves as the passive of αἰρέω.						
2. ἀποθνήσκω	ἀποθανοῦμαι	ἀπέθανον	τέθνηκα			die
stem is θαν- but, except in the perfect, forms compounded with ἀπο- are more common. θνήσκω is the original verb, but later texts have η.						
3. ἔρχομαι	εἶμι	ἦλθον	έλήλυθα			come, go
Greek uses a mix of different verbs for "go," much as English uses "went" as the past tense of "go." See "Verbs of Going"						
4. ἐσθίω	ἔδομαι	ἔφαγον	έδήδοκα	έδέδησμαι		eat
ἐσθ- is the stem for the present, ἐδ- for the future and perfect, φαγ- for the aorist.						
5. ἔχω	ἔξω, σχήσω	ἔσχον	ἔσχηκα			have, hold
stems are variations on σεχ-						
6. λέγω, φημί	ἔρω	εἶπον	εἶρηκα	λέλεγμαι	έλέχθην	say
Greek uses a mix of different verbs for "say." See "Verbs of Saying"						
7. ὁράω	ὄψομαι	εἶδον	έόρακα/έώρακα	έώραμαι	ὤφθην	see
όρα- is the stem for the present and perfect, όπ- (cf. ὄψις, ὄψεως, ἡ sight) for the future, alternative perfect middle, and aorist passive, ιδ- (cf. εἶδομαι) for the aorist active. See "Verbs of Seeing and Knowing"						
8. πάσχω	πείσομαι	ἔπαθον	πέπονθα			suffer, experience
παθ- is the stem for present and aorist, πενθ- for future and perfect.						
9. τρέχω	δραμοῦμαι	ἔδραμον	δεδράμηκα			run
τρεχ- is the stem for present tense, δραμ- for other tenses.						
10. φέρω	οἴσω	ἤνεγκα	ένήνοχα	ένήνεγμαι	ήνέχθην	carry
φερ- is the stem for the present, οἰ- for the future, ένεκ- for the aorist, perfect, and aorist passive.						