

Nouns from the Core Greek Vocabulary
organized by declension and paradigm

1st Declension

τιμή -ῆς, ἡ honor

ἀγάπη -ης, ἡ love, charity
ἀδελφή -ῆς, ἡ sister
ἀνάγκη -ης, ἡ necessity
ἀρετή -ῆς, ἡ excellence
ἀρχή -ῆς, ἡ beginning, rule
ἄττη -ης, ἡ blindness, destruction
βουλή -ῆς, ἡ plan, council
γνώμη -ης, ἡ thought, intelligence, opinion
διαθήκη -ης, ἡ arrangement, last will and testament
δικαιοσύνη -ης, ἡ justice
δίκη -ης, ἡ justice, lawsuit
εἰρήνη -ης, ἡ peace
ἐπιστήμη -ης, ἡ knowledge
ἐπιστολή -ῆς, ἡ message, letter
ἡδονή -ῆς, ἡ pleasure
κεφαλή -ῆς, ἡ head
κώμη -ης, ἡ village
λίμνη -ης, ἡ pool, swamp
μάχη -ης, ἡ battle
μηχανή -ῆς, ἡ device
μνήμη -ης, ἡ memory
νίκη -ης, ἡ victory
νύμφη -ης, ἡ bride
ὀργή -ῆς, ἡ anger
ὀρμή -ῆς, ἡ attack
παρασκευή -ῆς, ἡ preparation
πύλη -ης, ἡ gate
ῥώμη -ης, ἡ strength
σελήνη -ης, ἡ moon
σκήνη -ης, ἡ tent, stage
σπονδή -ῆς, ἡ libation
σπουδή -ῆς, ἡ eagerness
συγγνώμη -ης, ἡ pardon
συνθήκη -ης, ἡ composition, contract
σχολή -ῆς, ἡ leisure
τελευτή -ῆς, ἡ completion, death
τέχνη -ης, ἡ art, skill
τιμή -ῆς, ἡ value
τροφή -ῆς, ἡ nourishment, food
τύχη -ης, ἡ luck
ὑπερβολή -ῆς, ἡ excess
φυγή -ῆς, ἡ escape
φυλακή -ῆς, ἡ guard
φυλή -ῆς, ἡ race, tribe
φωνή -ῆς, ἡ sound, voice
ψυχή -ῆς, ἡ breath

χώρᾱ -ᾶς, ἡ country

ἀγορά, -ᾶς, ἡ market place
αἰτία -ας, ἡ cause
ἀπορία -ας, ἡ helplessness
βασιλεία -ας, ἡ kingdom
βία -ας, ἡ force
ἐκκλησία -ας, ἡ assembly
ἐλευθερία -ας, ἡ freedom
ἐξουσία -ας, ἡ authority
ἑσπέρα -ας, ἡ evening
ἡμέρα -ας, ἡ day
θεά -ᾶς, ἡ goddess
ἡλικία -ας, ἡ time of life, age
ἡσυχία -ας, ἡ quiet
θύρα -ας, ἡ door
θυσία -ας, ἡ sacrifice
ἱστορία -ας, ἡ inquiry
καρδία -ας, ἡ heart
μανία -ας, ἡ insanity
μαρτυρία -ας, ἡ witness, testimony, evidence
ναυμαχία -ας, ἡ sea battle
οἰκία -ας, ἡ house, household
οὐσία -ας, ἡ substance, property
πολιορκία -ας, ἡ siege
πολιτεία -ας, ἡ constitution, citizenship, republic
πορεία -ας, ἡ journey
προθυμία -ας, ἡ eagerness
σοφία -ας, ἡ wisdom
στρατεία -ας, ἡ expedition, campaign
στρατία -ας, ἡ army
συμμαχία -ας, ἡ alliance
συμφορά -ᾶς, ἡ accident
σωτηρία -ας, ἡ safety
τιμωρία -ας, ἡ help, vengeance
φιλία -ας, ἡ love, friendship
φρουρά -ᾶς, ἡ guard
χρεία -ας, ἡ use
χώρα -ας, ἡ land
ώρα -ας, ἡ season

Μοῦσα -ης, ἡ Muse

γλῶσσα -ης, ἡ tongue, language

δίαιτα -ης, ἡ lifestyle

δόξα -ης, ἡ glory, opinion

θάλασσα -ης, ἡ the sea

γέφυρα -ας, ἡ bridge

ἀλήθεια -ας, ἡ truth

ἀσφάλεια -ας, ἡ security

βοήθεια -ας, ἡ help

γαῖα -ας, ἡ earth

διάνοια -ας, ἡ thought, intention

ἐπιμέλεια -ας, ἡ care, attention

εὐνοια -ας, ἡ good-will

μοῖρα -ας, ἡ fate

πέτρα -ας, ἡ rock

πρόνοια -ας, ἡ foresight

κριτής -ου, ὁ judge

δεσπότης -ου, ὁ master

δικαστής -ου, ὁ judge, juror

ἔτις -ου, ὁ kin, cousin

ἰδιώτης -ου, ὁ a private person, an individual

κριτής -ου, ὁ judge

οἰκέτης -ου, ὁ servant

ὀπλίτης -ου, ὁ heavily-armed soldier, hoplite

ποιητής -ου, ὁ creator, poet

πολίτης -ου, ὁ citizen

πρεσβευτής -ου, ὁ ambassador

προφήτης -ου, ὁ prophet

στρατιώτης -ου, ὁ soldier

Less common types or irregular

γῆ, γῆς, ἡ earth (contract noun)

κόρη -ης, ἡ girl (stem in -ρ retains η)

μνᾶ μνᾶς, ἡ *mina*, = 100 *drachma* = 1/60 *talent*
(contract noun)

νεανίας -ου, ὁ young man (rare masculine noun
with -ᾶ)

2nd Declension

λόγος -ου, ὁ word

ἄγγελος -ου, ὁ messenger, angel
ἀδελφός -οῦ, ὁ brother
αἰχμάλωτος -ου, ὁ prisoner of war
ἄνεμος -ου, ὁ wind
ἄνθρωπος -ου, ὁ/ή human being
ἀριθμός -οῦ, ὁ number
βίβλος -ου, ὁ book
βίος -ου, ὁ life
βροτός -οῦ, ὁ mortal
βωμός -οῦ, ὁ altar
γάμος -ου, ὁ wedding, marriage
δῆμος -ου, ὁ people
δόλος -ου, ὁ trick
δοῦλος -ου, ὁ slave
ἔλεγος -ου, ὁ a lament
ἐνιαυτός -οῦ, ὁ year
ἐταῖρος -ου, ὁ companion
ἥλιος -ου, ὁ sun
ἡπειρος -ου, ἡ the land
θάνατος -ου, ὁ death
θεός -οῦ, ὁ god
θέρμος -ου, ὁ heat
θρόνος -ου, ὁ seat
θυμός -οῦ, ὁ soul, spirit
ἰατρός -οῦ, ὁ doctor
ἵππος -ου, ὁ horse
καιρός -οῦ, ὁ the right time
καρπός -οῦ, ὁ fruit
κίνδυνος -ου, ὁ danger
κόλπος -ου, ὁ womb, bay
κόσμος -ου, ὁ order
κύκλος -ου, ὁ circle
κύριος -ου, ὁ lord, master
λίθος -ου, ὁ stone
λιμός -οῦ, ὁ or ἡ hunger
λόγος -ου, ὁ word
λόφος -ου, ὁ crest (esp. of a helmet), mane, ridge
μισθός -οῦ, ὁ pay
μῦθος -ου, ὁ story
νεκρός -οῦ, ὁ corpse
νόμος -ου, ὁ custom, law
νόσος -ου, ὁ disease
ξένος -ου, ὁ foreigner, stranger
οἶκος -ου, ὁ house
ὄρκος -ου, ὁ oath
ὄρος, ὄρου, ὁ mountain, hill
ὄρος, ὄρου, ὁ boundary
οὐρανός -οῦ, ὁ sky, heaven
ὀφθαλμός -οῦ, ὁ eye
ὄχλος -ου, ὁ crowd, mob
πλοῦτος -ου, ὁ wealth
πόλεμος -ου, ὁ war
πόνος -ου, ὁ work
ποταμός -οῦ, ὁ river
πρόγονος -ου, ὁ ancestor
ρῦθμος -ου, ὁ rhythm

σίτος -ου, ὁ grain
στόλος -ου, ὁ expedition
στρατηγός -οῦ, ὁ general
στρατός -οῦ, ὁ army
ταῦρος -ου, ὁ bull
τάφος -ου, ὁ tomb
τόπος -ου, ὁ place, topic
τρόπος -ου, ὁ way
τύραννος -ου, ὁ ruler, tyrant
υἱός -οῦ, ὁ son
ὑπνος -ου, ὁ sleep
φόβος -ου, ὁ fear
φόνος -ου, ὁ slaughter
χρόνος -ου, ὁ time
χρυσός -οῦ, ὁ gold

νησος -ου, ἡ island (feminine nouns)

νησος -ου, ἡ island
ὁδός -οῦ, ἡ road
παρθένος -ου, ἡ girl
ψηφός -ου, ἡ vote

ζυγόν -οῦ, τό yoke

ἄθλον -ου, τό prize
ἄργύριον -ου, τό silver, a silver coin
δεῖπνον -ου, τό feast
δένδρον -ου, τό tree
δικαστήριον -ου, τό court
δῶρον -ου, τό gift
ἔργον -ου, τό work
ἱερόν -οῦ, τό temple
μέγαρον -ου, τό a large room
ξύλον -ου, τό wood
ὄπλιον -ου, τό weapon, tool
πεδῖον -ου, τό plain
πλοῖον -ου, τό ship
πρόσωπον -ου, τό face
πτερόν -οῦ, τό wing
σημεῖον -ου, τό sign
στάδιον -ου, τό *stade* = 606.75 feet = roughly 1/8 of a mile
στέρνον -ου, τό chest
στρατόπεδον -ου, τό camp
τάλαντον -ου, τό an amount of silver worth 600 drachma
τεκμήριον -ου, τό evidence
τέκνον -ου, τό child
τόξον -ου, τό bow
φάρμακον -ου, τό drug
χωρίον -ου, τό place

Less common types or irregular

νοῦς, νοῦ, ὁ mind (contract noun)
λεώς, λεώ, ὁ the people ("Attic" declension)
νεώς, νεώ, ὁ temple ("Attic" declension)

3rd Declension

A. PALATALS

(-ξι in dat. pl)

κῆρυξ -υκος, ὁ messenger

νύξ, νυκτός, ἡ night

ἄναξ, -ακτος, ὁ ruler, lord

θώραξ -ακος, ὁ breastplate

κῆρυξ -υκος, ὁ messenger

νύξ, νυκτός, ἡ night

φάλαγξ, -αγγος, ἡ phalanx, battle-array

B. DENTALS

(-σι in dat. pl)

λαμπάς -άδος, ἡ torch

ἔρως -ωτος, ὁ love

παῖς, παιδός, ὁ, ἡ child

ἀσπίς, -ίδος, ἡ a round shield

ἐλπίς -ίδος, ἡ hope

ἔρως -ωτος, ὁ love

ἔσθῆς -ῆτος, ἡ clothing

μυριάς -άδος, ἡ 10,000, a countless amount

πατρίς, -ίδος, ἡ fatherland

πούς ποδός, ὁ foot

τυραννίς -ίδος, ἡ tyranny

φυγᾶς -άδος, ὁ or ἡ fugitive

σῶμα -ατος, τό body

ἄγαλμα -ατος, τό glory, statue

ἀδίκημα, -ατος, τό a wrong, an injustice

αἷμα -ατος, τό blood

ἀνάθημα -ατος, τό a curse

ἄρμα -ατος, τό chariot

γράμμα -ατος, τό letter

δόγμα -ατος, τό opinion, dogma

δῶμα -ατος, τό house

εἰκός, εἰκότος, τό proper, probable

κέρας -ατος, τό horn

ὄνομα -ατος, τό name

πνεῦμα -ατος, τό wind, breath

πρᾶγμα -ατος, τό thing

στόμα -ατος, τό mouth

στράτευμα -ατος, τό expedition, campaign

σχῆμα -ατος, τό form

σῶμα -ατος, τό body

τραῦμα -ατος, τό wound

χρῆμα -ατος, τό thing, (pl.) money

ψήφισμα -ατος, τό decree

λέων, λέοντος, ὁ lion

(-ουσι in dat. pl)

ἄρχων -οντος, ὁ ruler, archon

γέρων -οντος, ὁ old man

C. LIQUIDS

(stem in ν, which drops in dat. pl)

ἄγων, -ῶνος, ὁ contest

ἡγεμών, ἡγεμόνος, ὁ leader

ἄγων, -ῶνος, ὁ contest

δαίμων -ονος, ὁ spirit, god, demon

εἰκών -όνος, ἡ image

ἡγεμών, -όνος, ὁ leader

λιμὴν -ένος, ὁ harbor

φρήν, φρενός, ἡ mind

χειμών -ῶνος, ὁ winter

D. SIGMA

(neuters in -ες, which contracts)

τεῖχος -ους, τό wall

ἄλγος -ους, τό pain

ἄνθος -ους, τό flower

βέλος -ους, τό missile, weapon

γένος -ους, τό race, family

δέος -ους, τό fear

ἔθνος -ους, τό nation

ἔθος, -ους, τό custom, character

εἶδος -ους, τό form

ἔπος -ους, τό word

ἔτος -ους, τό year

κάλλος -ους, τό beauty

κλέος -ους, τό glory

κράτος -ους, τό strength

μέγεθος -ους, τό magnitude

μέρος -ους, τό part

μῆκος -ους, τό length

πάθος -ους, τό suffering

πλῆθος -ους, τό crowd

τάχος -ους, τό speed

τεῖχος -ους, τό wall

τέλος -ους, τό end

E. VOWELS

(stem in -ι and -ε; -ν in acc. sg)

πόλις, πόλεως, ἡ a city

δύναμις -εως, ἡ power

κρίσις -εως, ἡ judgment, decision

μάντις -εως, ὁ prophet

ὄψις, -εως, ἡ sight, appearance

πίστις, -εως, ἡ trust

πόλις, -εως, ἡ a city

πρᾶξις, -εως, ἡ action

προαίρεσις, -εως, ἡ choice, purpose

πρόφασις -εως, ἡ excuse

στάσις -εως, ἡ revolution

τάξις -εως, ἡ arrangement, order

ὑβρις -εως, ἡ offense, disrespect, arrogance

φύσις -εως, ἡ nature

F. LESS COMMON STEMS

(see individual paradigms for variations)

γέρας -ως, τό prize (stem in -ας)
γῆρας -ως, τό old age (stem in -ας)
τριήρης -ους, ἡ trireme (stem in -ες)

βασιλεύς, βασιλέως, ὁ king (stem in -ευ)
ἱερεύς -έως, ὁ priest (stem in -ευ)
ἵππεύς -έως, ὁ horseman (stem in -ευ)

ἄστυ, ἄστεως, τό town (stem in -υ)
βοῦς, βοός, ὁ/ἡ ox (stem in -ου; -ν in acc. sg)
ἰσχύς, ἰσχύος, ἡ strength (stem in -υ; -ν in acc. sg)
ναῦς, νεώς, ἡ ship (stem in -αυ; -ν in acc. sg)
πρέσβυς, πρέσβεως, ὁ old man, ambassador (stem in -υ; -ν in acc. sg)

ἔαρ, ἔαρος, τό spring (stem in -ρ)
πῦρ, πυρός, τό fire (stem in -ρ)
ρήτωρ, ῥήτορος, ὁ orator (stem in -ρ)

ἄνθρωπος, ἀνδρός, ὁ man (stem has variations on ἀνδρ-)
θυγάτηρ, θυγατρός, ἡ daughter (stem has variations on θυγατρ-)
μήτηρ, μητρός, ἡ mother (stem has variations on μητρ-)
πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ father (stem has variations on πατρ-)

G. IRREGULAR

αἰδώς, αἰδοῦς, ἡ shame (only -ος stem in Greek; no plural)
γυνή, γυναικός, ἡ woman (irregular nom. and voc. sg.; gen. and dat. accent last syllable)
δόρυ, δόρατος, τό spear (irregular nom./acc./voc. sg.)
ἔρις, -ιδος, ἡ strife (acc. sg ἔριν)
Ζεὺς, Διός, ὁ Zeus (irregular nom. and voc.)
ἦρως, ἦρωος, ὁ hero (stem in ω; variations in gen., dat., and acc. sg.)
κύων, κυνός, ὁ or ἡ dog (irregular nom and voc. sg.)
μάρτυς, μάρτυρος, ὁ or ἡ witness (dat. pl. μάρτυσι)
παῖς, παιδός, ὁ, ἡ child (irregular accent on genitive plural παιδων)
ὔδωρ, ὕδατος, τό water (irregular nom./acc./voc. sg.)
φῶς, φωτός, ὁ light (irregular accent on genitive plural φώτων)
χάρις, -ιτος, ἡ grace, favor (acc. sg χάριν)
χεῖρ, χειρός, ἡ hand (dat. pl. χέρσι)