

Basic Greek Vocabulary

This list of about 200 words has been compiled from the ISEB Classical Greek list, the arrangement into vocabularies being by myself.

The Genitive of nouns is given in brackets after the Nominative.

Future and Imperfect/Aorist verb forms are listed in brackets if not regular.

Adjective Comparative & Superlative forms are given in brackets;

(-ο-) / (-ω-) shows ending formation with -ο- / -ω-.

The third column of the list shows the vocabulary number assigned by myself and the grammatical category of the word or phrase:-

A Adjective

B Adverb

C Conjunction

D Number

K Particle / Interjection

N Noun

P Preposition

Q Pronoun

V Verb

Vocabulary 1

ἀγαθός, -ή, -όν (ἀμείνων, ἄριστος)	good	1 A
ἀγορά (-ᾶς), ἡ	market-place	1 N
ἄγω (ἄξω, ἤγαγον)	I lead / I bring	1 V
Ἀθῆναι (-ῶν), αἱ	Athens	1 N
Ἀθηναῖος (-ου), ὁ	Athenian	1 N
ἀνδρεῖος, -α, -ον (-ο-)	brave	1 A
δεσπότης (-ου), ὁ	master	1 N
δοῦλος (-ου), ὁ	slave	1 N
εἰμί (ἔσομαι, ἦν)	I am [ἐστί / εἰσί +Dat X = X has / have ...]	1 V
ἐν +Dat	in / among / at	1 P
ἔχω (ἔξω, εἶχον)	I have / I hold / I keep	1 V
θεά (-ᾶς), ἡ	goddess	1 N
θεός (-οῦ), ὁ	god	1 N
θεραπεύω	I worship / I honour / I cure / I heal / I care for	1 V
ἵππος (-ου), ὁ	horse	1 N
κακός, -ή, -όν (κακίων, κάκιστος)	bad / wicked	1 A
καλός, -ή, -όν (καλλίων, κάλλιστος)	beautiful / fine	1 A
λύω	I set free / I release / I loose [from thing = Gen]	1 V
ναύτης (-ου), ὁ	sailor	1 N
νεανίας (-ου), ὁ	young man	1 N
οἰκία (-ας), ἡ	house	1 N
οὐ / οὐκ / οὐχ	not	1 B
παιδεύω	I train / I educate	1 V
πολέμιοι (-ων), οἱ	enemy	1 N
πρός +Acc	to / towards / against	1 P
στρατιώτης (-ου), ὁ	soldier	1 N

Vocabulary 2

βάρβαροι (-ων), οἱ	barbarians	2 N
βλάπτω (βλάψω, ἔβλαψα)	I harm / I damage	2 V
γῆ (-ῆς), ἡ	land / earth	2 N
δένδρον (-ου), τὸ	tree	2 N
δίκαιος, -α, -ον (-ο-)	just / fair	2 A
διώκω (διώξω, ἐδίωξα)	I pursue / I seek after	2 V
εἰς / ἐς +Acc	to / into / up to / for / against	2 P
ἐκ / ἐξ +Gen	out of / from	2 P
θάλασσα (-ης), ἡ	sea	2 N
ἰατρός (-οῦ), ὁ	doctor	2 N
καί	and / also / even	2 C
κριτής (-οῦ), ὁ	judge	2 N
κωλύω	I prevent / I hinder / I keep (from) [from -ing = <i>Infin.</i>]	2 V
λέγω (λέξω, ἔλεξα / εἶπον)	I say / I speak [to ... = <i>Dat</i>]	2 V
λόγος (-ου), ὁ	word / story / reason	2 N
μάχη (-ης), ἡ	battle	2 N
μικρός, -ά, -όν (-ο-)	small	2 A
ποιητής (-οῦ), ὁ	poet	2 N
πολίτης (-ου), ὁ	citizen	2 N
σοφός, -ή, -όν (-ω-)	wise	2 A
στρατεύω	I march / I go on an expedition	2 V
σώζω (σώσω, ἔσωσα)	I save [from ... = ἐκ +Gen]	2 V
τέκνον (-ου), τὸ	child	2 N
φεύγω (φεύξομαι, ἔφυγον)	I flee / I run away [from person / thing = ἀπό/ἐκ +Gen]	2 V
φίλιος, -α, -ον (-ω-)	friendly [to ... = <i>Dat</i>]	2 A
χώρα (-ας), ἡ	country	2 N

Vocabulary 3

ἀδελφός (-οῦ), ὁ	brother	3 N
ἀλλά	but	3 C
ἄνθρωπος (-ου), ὁ	man / human being	3 N
ἀπό +Gen	(away) from	3 P
ἄρα ... ;	... ? (<i>makes a question</i>)	3 K
βίβλος (-ου), ἡ	book	3 N
γράφω (γράψω, ἔγραψα)	I write [<i>to ... = Dat</i>]	3 V
δεινός, -ή, -όν (-ο-)	terrible / strange	3 A
δῶρον (-ου), τὸ	gift / present	3 N
ἐπιστολή (-ῆς), ἡ	letter	3 N
ἔργον (-ου), τὸ	work / deed	3 N
ζῷον (-ου), τὸ	animal	3 N
θύω	I sacrifice [<i>to ... = Dat</i>]	3 V
λαμβάνω (λήψομαι, ἔλαβον)	I take / I capture / I catch	3 V
μακρός, -ά, -όν (-ο-)	long	3 A
μένω (μενῶ, ἔμεινα)	I remain / I wait for	3 V
ξένος (-ου), ὁ	stranger / friend	3 N
ὁδός (-οῦ), ἡ	road / way / journey	3 N
ὅπλα (-ων), τὰ	weapons	3 N
παύω	I stop [<i>+Acc noun ('work' = Gen) / Acc participle</i>]	3 V
πέμπω (πέμψω, ἔπεμψα)	I send [<i>to place = εἰς +Acc; to person = πρὸς +Acc</i>]	3 V
πλοῖον (-ου), τὸ	boat	3 N
στρατηγός (-οῦ), ὁ	general	3 N
στρατιά (-ᾶς), ἡ	army	3 N
φυλάσσω (φυλάξω, ἐφύλαξα)	I guard / I preserve	3 V

Vocabulary 4

ἀγγέλλω (ἀγγελῶ, ἡγγειλα)	I announce / I report [<i>to ... = Dat</i>]	4 V
βάλλω (βαλῶ, ἔβαλον)	I throw [<i>at ... = ἐπί +Acc</i>] / I pelt	4 V
βίος (-ου), ὁ	life	4 N
δῆμος (-ου), ὁ	people	4 N
διὰ +Acc	because of	4 P
διὰ +Gen	through / along	4 P
ἥλιος (-ου), ὁ	sun	4 N
ἡμέρα (-ας), ἡ	day	4 N
θάνατος (-ου), ὁ	death	4 N
κίνδυνος (-ου), ὁ	danger	4 N
κολάζω (κολάσω, ἐκολάσα)	I punish	4 V
νῆσος (-ου), ἡ	island	4 N
νίκη (-ης), ἡ	victory	4 N
νόσος (-ου), ἡ	disease / illness	4 N
νῦν	now	4 B
πείθω (πείσω, ἔπεισα)	I persuade [<i>to ... = Infinitive</i>]	4 V
ποταμός (-οῦ), ὁ	river	4 N
σοφία (-ας), ἡ	wisdom	4 N
ὑπνος (-ου), ὁ	sleep	4 N
φωνή (-ῆς), ἡ	voice	4 N
χαλεπός, -ή, -όν (-ω-)	difficult / dangerous	4 A
χρυσός (-οῦ), ὁ	gold	4 N

Vocabulary 5

ἄθλον (-ου), τὸ	prize	5 N
αἰσχρὸς, -ά, -όν (αἰσχίων, αἴσχιστος)	disgraceful / shameful	5 A
ἀκούω (ἀκούσομαι, ἤκουσα)	I hear / I listen (to) [<i>Acc thing, Gen person</i>]	5 V
γέρων (γέροντος), ὁ	old man	5 N
δεύτερος, -α, -ον	second	5 D
διὰ τί	why	5 B
δύο (<i>Irregular</i>)	two	5 D
ἐθέλω (ἐθέλῃσω, ἠθέλησα)	I wish / I am willing [<i>to ... = Infinitive</i>]	5 V
εἷς, μία, ἓν (<i>Irregular</i>)	one	5 D
εὐθύς	immediately	5 B
καθεύδω (καθευδήσω, ἐκάθευδον)	I sleep	5 V
κελεύω	I order [<i>to ... = Infinitive</i>]	5 V
κήρυξ (κήρυκος), ὁ	herald	5 N
μέν ... δέ ...	on the one hand ... on the other hand ...	5 C
μήτηρ (μητρός), ἡ (<i>Voc S</i> μήτερ)	mother	5 N
οἷός τ' εἰμί (ἔσομαι, ἦν)	I am able [<i>to ... = Infinitive</i>]	5 V
παῖς (παιδός), ὁ / ἡ	child (<i>M</i> boy, <i>F</i> girl)	5 N
παρασκευάζω (-ευνάσω, -εύνασα)	I prepare [<i>for person = Dat</i>]	5 V
πατήρ (πατρός), ὁ (<i>Voc S</i> πάτερ)	father	5 N
πιστεύω <i>+Dat</i>	I trust / I believe	5 V
πλούσιος, -α, -ον (-ω-)	rich	5 A
ποῦ	where	5 B
πρῶτος, -η, -ον	first	5 D
πῶς	how	5 B
τρεῖς, τρία (<i>Irregular</i>)	three	5 D
υἱός (-οῦ), ὁ	son	5 N
φύλαξ (φύλακος), ὁ	guard	5 N

Vocabulary 6

ἀεί	always	6 B
ἄλλος, -η, -ο	other / another	6 A
ὁ/ἡ/τὸ ἄλλος, -η, -ο ...	the rest of ...	6 A
ἀνὴρ (ἀνδρός), ὁ	man / husband	6 N
ἀποθνήσκω (ἀποθανοῦμαι, ἀπέθανον)	I die / I am killed	6 V
ἀποκτείνω (ἀποκτενῶ, ἀπέκτεινα)	I kill	6 V
βαίνω (βήσομαι, ἔβην)	I go	6 V
γυνή (γυναικός), ἡ	woman / wife	6 N
ἐκεῖ	there	6 B
ἐνθάδε	here	6 B
ἔπειτα	then	6 B
ἐπί +Dat/Gen	on / upon	6 P
ἐτοῖμος, -η, -ον (-ο-)	ready [<i>to... = Infinitive</i>]	6 A
ἡγεμών (ἡγεμόνος), ὁ	leader / guide	6 N
ἤδη	already	6 B
θυγάτηρ (θυγατρός), ἡ	daughter	6 N
καθίζω (καθιῶ, ἐκάθισα)	I sit	6 V
κρύπτω (κρύψω, ἔκρυψα)	I hide [<i>X from Y = Acc X Acc Y</i>]	6 V
λείπω (λείψω, ἔλιπον)	I leave (= go away from / abandon)	6 V
οἱ μὲν ... οἱ δέ ...	some ... others ...	6 C
πάρειμι (παρέσομαι, παρῆν)	I am here	6 V
πείθω (πείσομαι, ἐπεισάμην)	I persuade [<i>to ... = Infinitive</i>] (also Level 1)	6 V
πίπτω (πεσοῦμαι, ἔπεσον)	I fall	6 V
στρατόπεδον (-ου), τὸ	camp	6 N
σύμμαχος (-ου), ὁ	ally	6 N
τιμή (-ῆς), ἡ	honour	6 N
χρήσιμος, -η, -ον (-ω-)	useful [<i>to ... = Dat</i>]	6 A

Vocabulary 7

αὐτός, -ή, -ό	he / she / it	7 Q
βασιλεύς (βασιλέως), ὁ	king	7 N
ἐγώ (Plural ἡμεῖς)	I (Plural we)	7 Q
ἐλεύθερος, -α, -ον (-ω-)	free [from thing = Gen]	7 A
εὐρίσκω (εὐρήσω, ηὔρον / εὔρον)	I find (out)	7 V
ζητῶ (= ζητέω) (ζητήσω, ἐζήτησα)	I seek / I look for	7 V
μέγας, μεγάλη, μέγα (μείζων, μέγιστος)	big / great	7 A
μετά +Acc	after	7 P
μετά +Gen	with	7 P
ναῦς (νεώς), ἡ	ship	7 N
νικῶ (= νικάω) (νικήσω, ἐνίκησα)	I win / I conquer / I defeat	7 V
νύξ (νυκτός), ἡ	night	7 N
ὀλίγος, -η, -ον (ἥσσων, ὀλίγιστος)	small / little / few	7 A
ὁρῶ (= ὁράω) (ὄψομαι, εἶδον)	I see	7 V
πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν	all / every / whole	7 A
πλέω (εο→εο, εε→ει) (πλεύσομαι, ἔπλευσα)	I sail	7 V
ποιῶ (= ποιεω) (ποιήσω, ἐποίησα)	I do / I make / I treat	7 V
πόλεμος (-ου), ὁ	war	7 N
πόλις (πόλεως), ἡ	city	7 N
πολύς, πολλή, πολύ (πλείων, πλείστος)	much / many	7 A
σύ (Plural ὑμεῖς)	you	7 Q
σῶμα (σώματος), τὸ	body	7 N
τεῖχος (τείχους), τὸ	wall	7 N
τίς, τί (accent on 1st syllable)	who? / what?	7 Q
τις, τι (no accent on 1st syllable)	a certain / someone / something	7 Q
φιλῶ (= φιλέω) (φιλήσω, ἐφίλησα)	I love	7 V
χρόνος (-ου), ὁ	time	7 N

Vocabulary 8

ὁ/ἡ/τὸ αὐτός, -ή, -ό ...	the same ...	8 Q
ὁ/ἡ/τὸ ... αὐτός, -ή, -ό	the ... him/her/it-self	8 Q
γάρ (<i>not 1st word</i>)	for	8 C
δέ (<i>not 1st word</i>)	but / and	8 C
δέχομαι (δέξομαι, ἐδεξάμην)	I receive [<i>from</i> = παρὰ +Gen]	8 V
εἰρήνη (-ης), ἡ	peace	8 N
ἐπεί	when / since	8 C
ἔρχομαι (εἶμι, ἦλθον)	I go	8 V
ἔτος (ἔτους), τὸ	year	8 N
καλῶς	beautifully / well	8 B
κατά +Acc	according to / by way of	8 P
μάχομαι +Dat (μαχοῦμαι, ἐμαχεσάμην)	I fight [<i>against</i> ... = πρὸς +Acc]	8 V
μή	not	8 B
μόνος, -η, -ον	alone / only	8 A
ὄνομα (ὀνόματος), τὸ	name	8 N
ὀργή (-ῆς), ἡ	anger	8 N
ὅτι	because	8 C
οὐδεὶς, οὐδεμία, οὐδέν	no-one, nothing	8 Q
οὖν (<i>not 1st word</i>)	therefore	8 B
οὔτε ... οὔτε ...	neither ... nor ...	8 C
πείθομαι +Dat (πείσομαι, ἐπεισάμην)	I obey	8 V
ὕδωρ (ὑδατος), τὸ	water	8 N
ὑπό +Gen	by	8 P
φόβος (-ου), ὁ	fear	8 N
χρήματα (χρημάτων), τὰ	money	8 N
ὦ +Voc	O	8 K