Basic Greek Vocabulary

This vocabulary list of about 550 items has been compiled from *Greek to GCSE Parts 1 & 2* by John Taylor.

Words are listed in the order found in each chapter of the books.

The Genitive of nouns is given where this may not be obvious.

Adjectives are given in Masculine form with Feminine & Neuter for 3rd declension.

Imperfect and Aorist verb forms are listed separately from the Present.

The third column of the list shows the chapter in the book from which the word comes and its grammatical category:-

A Adjective N Noun

B Adverb P Preposition

C Conjunction Q Pronoun

D Number V Verb

K Particle / Interjection

ό ἄγγελος	messenger	1N
ή βοή	shout	1N
ή βουλή	plan / council	1N
ή γῆ	earth / land	1N
ό διδάσκαλος	teacher	1N
ή δικαιοσύνη	justice	1N
ό δοῦλος	slave	1N
ή εἰρήνη	peace	1N
ἡ ἐπιστολή	letter	1N
ό θεός	god	1N
ό ἵππος	horse	1N
ή κώμη	village	1N
ό λόγος	word / reason / story	1N
ἡ νίκη	victory	1N
ό ξένος	stranger / foreigner	1N
ό ποταμός	river	1N
ή πύλη	gate	1N
ό στρατηγός	general	1N
ό στρατός	army	1N
ό σύμμαχος	ally	1N
ή τιμή	honour	1N
ἡ φωνή	voice	1N
δέκα	ten	1A
πέντε	five	1A
άγω	I lead	1V
ἀκούω	I hear / I listen to	1V
βαίνω	I go	1V
γράφω	I write	1V
διδάσκω	I teach	1V
διώκω	I chase	1V

εἰμί	Iam	1V
ἔχω	I have	1V
λέγω	I say / I speak	1V
λύω	I release	1V
παύω	I stop	1V
τρέχω	I run	1V
φέρω	I carry / I bring	1V
φυλάσσω	I guard / I preserve	1V
οὐ / οὐκ / οὐχ	not	1B
ἀλλά	but	1C
καί	and	1C
εἰς +Αcc	into	1P
πρός +Αcc	towards	1P

ἡ ἀγορά	market-place / agora	2N
τὸ ἆθλον	prize	2N
ὁ ἄνθρωπος	man / person / human being	2N
ό βίος	life	2N
τὸ δένδρον	tree	2N
τὸ δεσμωτήριον	prison	2N
ό δῆμος	people / community	2N
τὸ δῶρον	gift	2N
ἡ ἐκκλησία	assembly	2N
τὸ ἔργον	work / deed	2N
ἡ ἑσπέρα	evening	2N
ἡ ἡμέρα	day	2N
ὁ θάνατος	death	2N
ή θεά	goddess	2N
ή θύρα	door	2N
τὸ ἱερόν	temple	2N
ὁ κίνδυνος	danger	2N
ή ναυμαχία	sea-battle	2N
τὸ ναυτικόν	fleet	2N
ό νόμος	law / custom	2N
ή οἰκία	house	2N
τὰ ὅπλα, ὅπλων	arms / weapons	2N
τὸ πλοῖον	boat	2N
ό πόλεμος	war	2N
ή σοφία	wisdom	2N
τὸ στρατόπεδον	camp	2N
τὸ τόξον	bow	2N
ὁ φίλος	friend	2N
ό φόβος	fear	2N
ὁ χρόνος	time	2N

ἡ χώρα	land / country	2N
ἡ ὥρα	hour	2N
ἀποκτείνω	l kill	2V
εὑρίσκω	I find	2V
λαμβάνω	I take	2V
λείπω	I leave	2V
μανθάνω	I learn	2V
μένω	I stay / I remain	2V
πέμπω	I send	2V
τάσσω	I draw up / I arrange	2V
φεύγω	I run away / I flee	2V
τε καί	both and	2C
ỗ +Voc	0	2K

ό Άθηναῖος	Athenian	3N
ὁ ὀφθαλμός	eye	3N
άγαθός	good	3A
ἀνδρεῖος	brave	3A
δεινός	strange / terrible	3A
έλεύθερος	free	3A
έχθρός	hostile	3A
κακός	bad	3A
καλός	beautiful / fine	3A
μικρός	small	3A
νέος	new	3A
σοφός	wise / clever	3A
φίλιος	friendly	3A
χαλεπός	difficult / dangerous	3A
ἀποθνήσκω	I die	3V
γιγνώσκω	I get to know	3V
ἐθέλω	I wish / I am willing	3V
έλαύνω	I drive	3V
θαυμάζω	I am amazed at / I admire	3V
κελεύω	I order	3V
παρέχω	I provide / I produce	3V
πείθω	I persuade	3V
πιστεύω +Dat	I trust / I believe	3V
φαίνω	Ishow	3V
<pre>åρα;</pre>	?	3K
ἀεί	always	3B
έκεῖ	there	3B
ένθάδε	here	3B
μέντοι	however	3B
νῦν	now	3B

oึงง	therefore	3B
πολλάκις	often	3B
πότε;	when?	3B
ποῦ;	where?	3B
πρότερον	before / previously	3B
πῶς;	how?	3B
γάρ	for	3C
δέ	but / and	3C
διότι	because	3C
μέν δέ	on the one hand on the other	3C
ἀπό +Gen	from	3P
ἐκ +Gen / ἐξ +Gen	out of	3P
έν +Dat	in	3P

ἄγω	I lead	4V
ἤγαγον	I led	4V
ἀποβάλλω	I throw away	4V
ἀπέβαλον	I threw away	4V
βάλλω	I throw	4V
_έ βαλον	I threw	4V
ἡ βίβλος	book	4N
γράφω	I write	4V
διδάσκω	I teach	4V
διώκω	I chase / I pursue	4V
δύο	two	4A
εἰσπίπτω	I fall into	4V
εἰσέπεσον	I fell into	4V
ἐκβαίνω	I go out	4V
έξέβην	I went out	4V
ἐκτρέχω	I run out	4V
έξέδραμον	I ran out	4V
ἐξάγω	I lead out	4V
έξήγαγον	I led out	4V
ἐπεί	when / since	4C
ἔπειτα	then / next	4B
ἐσθίω	I eat	4V
ἔφαγον	I ate	4V
εὑρίσκω	I find	4V
ηδρον	I found	4V
ἔχω	I have	4V
εἶχον	I had / I was having	4V
ἔσχον	I had	4V
ή θάλασσα	sea	4N
κελεύω	I order	4V

ό κριτής, -οῦ	judge	4N
λαμβάνω	I take	4V
_έ λαβον	I took	4V
λέγω	I say	4V
εἶπον	I said	4V
λείπω	I leave	4V
_{έλιπον}	l left	4V
λύω	I release / I untie	4V
μανθάνω	I learn	4V
ἔμαθ ον	I learnt	4V
μέγιστος	very big / very great	4A
μετά +Αcc	after	4P
ό μῦθος	story	4N
ό ναύτης, -ου	sailor	4N
ό νεανίας, -ου	young man	4N
ή νῆσος	island	4N
ἡ νόσος	disease / illness	4N
ή ὁδός	road / way	4N
πάσχω	I suffer / I experience	4V
ἔπαθον	I suffered / I experienced	4V
πείθω	I persuade	4V
πέμπω	I send	4V
πίπτω	l fall	4V
ἔπεσον	I fell	4V
πιστεύω +Dat	I trust / I believe	4V
ό ποιητής, -ου	poet	4N
ό πολίτης, -ου	citizen	4N
προσάγω	I lead to	4V
προσήγαγον	I led to	4V
προσβαίνω	I go to	4V
προσέβην	I went to	4V
προσπέμπω	I send to	4V

προστρέχω	I run toward	4V
προσέδραμον	I ran toward	4V
πρῶτον	at first / first	4B
ὁ στρατιώτης, -ου	soldier	4N
τρέχω	l run	4V
^ε δραμον	I ran	4V
φεύγω	I run away / I flee	4V
ἔ φυγον	I ran away / I fled	4V
φυλάσσω	I guard	4V
χρήσιμος	useful	4A
ώς	as	4C

field	5N
contest	5N
other / another	5A
wind	5N
ruler / magistrate	5N
I harm / I damage	5V
old man	5N
giant	5N
because of / on account of	5P
why?	5B
through	5P
1	5Q
I saw	5V
each	5A
I throw in / I thrust in	5V
I threw in / I thrust in	5V
my	5A
still / yet	5B
ready	5A
very beautiful / very fine	5A
I steal	5V
I stole	5V
I hinder	5V
stone	5N
harbour	5N
with	5P
alone / only	5A
only	5B
foolish / stupid	5A
night	5N
	contest other / another wind ruler / magistrate I harm / I damage old man giant because of / on account of why? through I I saw each I throw in / I thrust in I threw in / I thrust in my still / yet ready very beautiful / very fine I steal I stole I hinder stone harbour with alone / only only foolish / stupid

ὁ οἶνος	wine	5N
οἷος τ' εἰμί	I am able	5V
ὀλίγοι	few	5A
τὸ ὄνομα, ὀνόματος	name	5N
ό παῖς, παιδός	boy / child	5N
ή παῖς, παιδός	girl / child	5N
πάρειμι	I am here / I am present	5V
παρῆν	I was here / I was present	5V
πίνω	I drink	5V
ἔπιον	I drank	5V
πολλοί	many	5A
πόθεν;	from where?	5B
ό πούς, ποδός	foot	5N
τὸ πῦρ, πυρός	fire	5N
σύ	you (S)	5Q
σός	your (S)	5A
τὸ σῶμα, σώματος	body	5N
τις	a certain / someone	5Q
τι	a certain / something	5Q
τίς;	who?	5Q
τί;	what? / which?	5Q
ὁ ὕπνος	sleep	5N
ό φύλαξ, φύλακος	guard	5N

ἀγγέλλω	I announce / I report	6V
<i>ἥγγειλα</i>	I announced / I reported	6V
αὖθις	again	6B
αὐτος	-self (emphatic)	6Q
ὁ αὐτός	the same	6Q
αὐτόν	him	6Q
αὐτήν	her	6Q
αὐτό	it	6Q
εἶναι	to be	6V
εὐθύς	immediately	6B
ὁ ἐχθρός	enemy	6N
ό Ζεύς, Διός	Zeus	6N
ἦλθον	I came / I went	6V
ήμεῖς	we	6Q
ἡμέτερος	our	6A
θάπτω	I bury	6V
ἔθαψα	I buried	6V
καίπερ +Participle	although	6C
ἡ μάχη	battle	6N
ό νεκρός	corpse	6N
ὀλίγος	little / small amount of	6A
οὐδείς / οὐδεμία	nobody	6Q
οὐδέν	nothing	6Q
πάλαι	long ago / in the past	6B
παρασκευάζω	I prepare	6V
πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν	all / every	6A
περί +Gen	about / concerning	6P
οί πολέμιοι	enemy	6N
συλλέγω	I collect / I gather	6V
συνέλεξα	I collected / I gathered	6V

τέλος	finally	6B
ό τόπος	place	6N
τὸ ὕδωρ, ὕδατος	water	6N
ύμεῖς	you (P)	6Q
ύμέτερος	your (P)	6A
τὰ χρήματα, χρημάτων	money	6N
ώς + Fut Part	in order to	6C
ώς + Pre/Aor Part	as / since / because / on the grounds that	6C
εἷς, μία, ἕν	one	6D
πρῶτος	first	6D
δύο	two	6D
δεύτερος	second	6D
τρεῖς, τρία	three	6D
τρίτος	third	6D
τέσσαρες, τέσσαρα	four	6D
τέταρτος	fourth	6D
πέντε	five	6D
πέμπτος	fifth	6D
έξ	six	6D
έπτά	seven	6D
ὀκτώ	eight	6D
έννέα	nine	6D
δέκα	ten	6D

ὁ αἰχμάλωτος	prisoner (of war)	7N
ἀναγκάζω	I compel / I force	7V
ἠνάγκασα	I compelled / I forced	7V
ὁ ἀνήρ, ἀνδρός	man / husband / male	7N
ἄξιος +Gen	worthy of / deserving of	7A
οἱ βάρβαροι	barbarians	7N
ή γυνή, γυναικός	woman / wife	7N
δακρύω	I cry / I weep	7V
ό δεσπότης, -ου	master	7N
δή	indeed	7B
διαφθείρω	I destroy / I corrupt	7V
διέφθειρα	I destroyed / I corrupted	7V
δίκαιος	just / fair / right	7A
εί	if	7C
ἐκεῖνος	that	7Q
ὁ ἔνοικος	inhabitant	7N
εὖ	well	7B
ἔφη	s/he said	7V
ή	than / or	7C
ή θυγάτηρ, θυγάτρος	daughter	7N
ό ἰατρός	doctor	7N
ίερός	holy / sacred	7A
ἰσχυρός	strong	7A
καθίζω	I sit	7V
ἐκάθισα	I sat	7V
καίω	I burn	7V
ἕκαυσα	I burned	7V
ή κεφαλή	head	7N
κολάζω	I punish	7V
ἐκόλασα	I punished	7V

κρύπτω	I hide	7V
["] έκρυψα	I hid	7V
οἱ Λακεδαιμόνιοι	Spartans	7N
μᾶλλον	rather / more	7A
ἡ μήτηρ, μητρός	mother	7N
őδε, ήδε, τόδε	this (nearby) / the following	7Q
ὄς, ἥ, ὄ	who (relative) / which (relative)	7Q
οὖτος, αύτη, τοῦτο	this	7Q
ούτω / ούτως	so / thus / to such an extent / in this way	7B
ὁ πατήρ, πατρός	father	7N
πιστός	faithful / trustworthy	7A
πλούσιος	rich / wealthy	7A
πράσσω	I do / I fare	7V
ἔπραξα	I did / I fared	7V
ἡ σιγή	silence	7N
σιγῆ	in silence / silently	7B
ό σῖτος	food	7N
σφζω	I save	7V
ἔσωσα	I saved	7V
τοιοῦτος, τοιαύτη, τοιοῦτο	such / of such a kind	7Q
τοσοῦτος, τοσαύτη, τοσοῦτο	so big / so great	7Q
τοσοῦτοι, τοσαύται, τοσαῦτα	so many	7Q
ὁ υἱός	son	7N
ἡ ὕλη	wood / forest	7N
ὑπο +Gen	by (person)	7P
ύψηλός	high	7A
ἡ χείρ, χειρός	hand	7N
ό χρυσός	gold	7N
ώστε	with the result that	7C

αἰσθάνομαι	I perceive	8V
ή σθ όμην	I perceived	8V
ἀποκρίνομαι	I answer / I reply	8V
ἀπεκρινάμην	I answered / I replied	8V
ἄριστος	best / very good	8A
ἡ ἀρχή	rule / empire / beginning	8N
ἄρχω +Gen	I rule	8V
ἦρξα +Gen	I ruled	8V
ἄρχομα ι	I begin	8V
ἠρξάμην	I began	8V
ἡ βία	force / violence	8N
βούλομαι	I wish / I want	8V
γε	at least / at any rate	8K
γίγνομαι	I become / I happen	8V
έγενόμην	I became / I happened	8V
ή γλῶσσα	tongue / language	8N
δέχομαι	I receive	8V
έδεξάμη ν	I received	8V
έαυτόν, έαυτήν, έαυτό	himself, herself, itself	8Q
દોૈμι	l will go	8V
ίέναι	to go	8V
ίών, ἰοῦσα, ἰόν	going	8V
ἐλπίζω + Fut Inf	I hope	8V
ἥλπισα + Fut Inf	I hoped	8V
ἐμαυτόν / ἐμαυτήν	myself	8Q
ήμᾶς αὐτούς / ήμᾶς αὐτάς	ourselves	8Q
ἕπομαι +Dat	I follow	8V
ἑσπόμην +Dat	I followed	8V
ἔρχομαι	I come / I go	8V
ἦλθον	I came / I went	8V
_Έ ως	until / while	8C
ή ή	either or	8C
ὁ ἡγεμών, ἡγεμόνος	leader	8N

ήδη	alroady	8B
θύω	already I sacrifice	8V
κόπτω	I cut / I knock	8V
ἔκοψα λάθρα	I cut / I knocked	8V
	secretly	8B
μάχομαι	I fight	8V
έμαχεσάμην	I fought	8V
μέλλω + Fut Inf	I am about to / I intend to	8V
ὀργίζομαι	I get angry / I become angry	8V
ώργίσθην 	I got angry / I became angry	8V
ὅτι	that	8C
οὐ μόνον ἀλλά καί	not only but also	8C
οὐδέποτε	never	8B
οὕτε οὕτε	neither nor	8C
παύομαι	I cease / I stop myself	8V
πείθομαι +Dat	I obey	V8
ἐπιθόμην +Dat	I obeyed	V8
πορεύομαι	I march	V8
έπορεύ θ ην	I marched	8V
προσβάλλω +Dat	I attack	V8
προσέβαλον +Dat	I attacked	8V
πυνθάνομαι	I inquire / I learn (by inquiry)	8V
έπυθόμην	I inquired / I learned (by inquiry)	8V
σεαυτόν / σεαυτήν	yourself	8Q
ύμᾶς αὐτούς / ὑμᾶς αὐτάς	yourselves	8Q
ή στρατιά	army	8N
ή συμφορά	disaster	8N
τότε	then	8B
ή τύχη	chance / luck (good or bad)	8N
^ύ στερον	later	8B
φαίνομαι	I appear	8V
· ἐφαινόμην	I appeared	8V
ὁ χειμών, χειμῶνος	winter / storm	8N
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ἀδικέω	I do wrong to / I act unjustly towards	9V
ἠδίκησα	I did wrong to / I acted unjustly towards	9V
ἄδικος	unjust	9A
αίρέω	I take	9V
εἷλον	I took	9V
αἰτέω	I beg / I ask for	9V
ἥτησα	I begged / I asked for	9V
άληθής, -ές	true	9A
ἀναχωρέω	I withdraw / I retreat	9V
άνεχώρησα	I withdrew / I retreated	9V
ἀσθενής, -ές	weak	9A
ἡ ἀσπίς, ἀσπίδος	shield	9N
ἀσφαλής, -ές	safe	9A
άφικνέομαι	I arrive	9V
ἀφικόμην	I arrived	9V
ό βασιλεύς, βασιλέως	king	9N
βοηθέω +Dat	I help / I run to help	9V
έβοήθησα	I helped / I ran to help	9V
βραδύς, βραδεῖα, βραδύ	slow	9A
τὸ γένος, γένους	race / type / kind	9N
$\delta \hat{\epsilon i}$ +Acc +Inf	it is necessary	9V
ἕδει +Acc +Inf	it was necessary	9V
δοκεῖ +Dat	it seems good to X / X decides	9V
ἔδοξε +Dat	it seemed good to X / X decided	9V
δυστυχής, -ές	unlucky / unfortunate	9A
ἐξέστι +Dat +Inf	it is possible	9V
ἐξῆν +Dat +Inf	it was possible	9V
τὸ ἔτος, ἔτους	year	9N
εὐρύς, εὐρεῖα, εὐρύ	wide / broad	9A
εὐτυχής, -ές	lucky / fortunate	9A

ήδύς, ήδεῖα, ήδύ	sweet / pleasant	9A
ἡδέως	sweetly / gladly	9B
ό ίππεύς, ίππέως	cavalryman / horseman	9N
ό ἰχθύς, ἰχθύος	fish	9N
καλέω	I call / I invite	9V
μέγας, μεγάλη, μέγα	big / great	9A
μή	not	9B
μηδείς, μηδεμία, μηδέν	nobody / nothing / not any	9Q
μηδέποτε	never	9B
μήτε μήτε	neither nor	9C
μισέω	I hate	9V
ἡ ναῦς, νεώς	ship	9N
τὸ ξίφος, ξίφους	sword	9N
τὸ ὄρος, ὄρους	mountain	9N
πλέω	I sail	9V
ἔπλευσα	I sailed	9V
ποιέω	I do / I make / I treat	9V
ἡ πολίς, πόλεως	city	9N
πολύς, πολλή, πολύ	much	9A
πολλοί, πολλαί, πολλά	many	9A
ταχύς, ταχεῖα, ταχύ	fast / quick / swift	9A
τὸ τεῖχος, τεῖχους	wall	9N
ὑπισχνέομαι	I promise	9V
ύπεσχόμη ν	I promised	9V
φιλέω	I love / I like	9V
φοβέομαι	I fear / I am afraid of	9V
έφοβήθην	I feared / I was afraid of	9V
φονεύω	I kill / I murder	9V
χρή	it is necessary	9V
έχρῆν / χρῆν	it was necessary	9V

αἰσχρός	shameful / disgraceful	10A
αἴτιος +Gen	to blame for / responsible for	10A
ἀμείνων, -ον	better	10A
ἀνά +Αcc	up	10P
ἄνευ +Gen	without	10P
βοάω	I shout	10V
γελάω	I laugh	10V
έγέλασα	I laughed	10V
δι' ὀλίγου	soon / after a short time	10B
δίδωμι	I give	10V
δώσω	I will give	10V
["] έδωκα	I gave	10V
εἰσβάλλω	I throw into / I invade	10V
εἰσέβαλον	I threw into / I invaded	10V
ἐκφεύγω	I escape	10V
ἐξέφυγον	I escaped	10V
ἐλάσσων, -ον	less / weaker / inferior	10A
έλάσσονες, -α	fewer	10A
<u>ἐ</u> λάχιστος	least / very little of / weakest	10A
<u>ἐ</u> λάχιστοι	fewest	10A
ὁ 'Έλλην, 'Έλληνος	Greek (man)	10N
ἐπί +Αcc	on / onto / at / against	10P
ἐρωτάω	l ask <i>(a question)</i>	10V
ἠρώτησα	I asked (a question)	10V
ἠρόμην	I asked (a question)	10V
θάσσων, -ον	quicker / faster / swifter	10A
καθεύδω	I sleep	10V
ἐκαθεῦδον	I was sleeping	10V
καθηῦδον	I was sleeping	10V
κακίων, -ον	worse	10A

κατά +Αcc	according to / by / along	10P
κατά +Gen	down / down from	10P
κατὰ γῆν	by land	10B
κτάομαι	I obtain / I acquire	10V
έκτησάμην	I obtained / I acquired	10V
μάλιστα	especially / most of all	10B
μείζων, -ον	bigger / greater	10A
νικάω	I conquer / I win	10V
νομίζω	I think / I consider	10V
ἐνόμισα	I thought / I considered	10V
οἶδα	I know	10V
 οράω	I see	10V
εἶδον	I saw	10V
παρά +Αcc	contrary to	10P
παρά +Gen	from (person)	10P
πειράομαι	I try	10V
έπειρασάμην	I tried	10V
περί +Αcc	around	10P
περί +Gen	about / concerning	10P
πλείων, -ον	more	10A
πλείονες, -α	more	10A
πλεῖστος	very much	10A
πλεῖστοι	very many / most	10A
πλήν +Gen	except	10P
ποῖ;	where to?	10B
ποῖος;	what sort of?	10A
πόσος;	how big?	10A
πόσοι;	how many?	10A
πρό +Gen	in front of / before	10P
['] ραδιος	easy	10A
τάχιστος	fastest / very fast / quickest / very quick	10A
ώς τάχιστα	as quickly as possible	10B

τιμάω	l honour	10V
ὑπέρ +Gen	on behalf of	10P
φημί	I say	10V
ἔφην	I said	10V
χράομαι +Dat	I use	10V
έχρησάμην +Dat	I used	10V
ἄv	(would)	10K
ἐάν	if	10C
ίνα	so that / in order that / in order to	10C