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Modern Greek Conversations



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This student-friendly Table of Contents outlines a logical, engaging path through modern Greek. Each unit builds real-world communication skills—starting with greetings and personal info, and progressing to everyday tasks, conversations, and travel situations. A perfect balance of speaking, reading, vocabulary, and grammar ensures learners build both fluency and confidence.

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From asking for directions to discussing hobbies and future plans, this course covers the language learners truly need. Each lesson integrates focused grammar, high-frequency vocabulary, and natural speaking practice, ideal for classroom use or independent study. Reinforced with a helpful grammar appendix and dual alphabetical wordlists.

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Introduction

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THE ALPHABET - ΤΟ ΑΛΦΑΒΗΤΟ

Α, Β, Γ, Δ, Ε, Ζ, Η, Θ, Ι, Κ, Λ, Μ, Ν, Ξ, Ο, Π, Ρ, Σ, Τ, Υ, Φ, Ψ, Χ, Ω

1. THE ALPHABET - PRONUNCIATION

The Greek alphabet has 24 letters. Listen and say.

Α, Α	as a in father	Υ, Υ	as u in none
Β, Β	as v in victory	Ξ, Ξ	as x in ox
Γ, Γ	soft g as in yogurt	Ο, Ο	as o in not
Δ, Δ	as th in that	Π, Π	as p in pipe
Ε, Ε	as e in net	Ρ, Ρ	as r in run
Ζ, Ζ	as z in zebra	Σ, Σ	as s in sit
Η, Η	as ea/ee in eat or see	Τ, Τ	as t in tin
Θ, Θ	as th in thin	Υ, Υ	as ea/ee in eat or see
Ι, Ι	as ea/ee in eat or see	Φ, Φ	as f in fall
Κ, Κ	as k in kind	Χ, Χ	as h in hat
Λ, Λ	as l in love	Ψ, Ψ	as the ps in lips
Μ, Μ	as m in mother	Ω, Ω	as o in not

2. THE VOWELS

The Greek alphabet has seven vowels. These vowels are always pronounced and always have the same sound.

Α, Ε, Η, Ι, Ο, Υ, Ω

- The vowels η, ι and υ have the same sound as the ea/ee in eat or see.
- The vowels ο and ω have the same sound as the o in not.

Exercise: Forming syllables by combining letters. Listen and say.

1. β+α = βα	2. β+ε = βε	3. β+ι = βι	4. β+ο = βο	5. β+ω = βω
δ+α = δα	δ+ε = δε	δ+ι = δι	δ+ο = δο	δ+ω = δω
κ+α = κα	κ+ε = κε	κ+ι = κι	κ+ο = κο	κ+ω = κω
λ+α = λα	λ+ε = λε	λ+ι = λι	λ+ο = λο	λ+ω = λω
ν+α = να	ν+ε = νε	ν+ι = νι	ν+ο = νο	ν+ω = νω
σ+α = σα	σ+ε = σε	σ+ι = σι	σ+ο = σο	σ+ω = σω
χ+α = χα	χ+ε = χε	χ+ι = χι	χ+ο = χο	χ+ω = χω
ψ+α = ψα	ψ+ε = ψε	ψ+ι = ψι	ψ+ο = ψο	ψ+ω = ψω
τ+α = τα	τ+ε = τε	τ+ι = τι	τ+ο = το	τ+ω = τω
π+α = πα	π+ε = πε	π+ι = πι	π+ο = πο	π+ω = πω

A friendly introduction to the Greek alphabet that builds confidence from the first letter. Learners connect sounds to symbols with guided pronunciation and audio support.

Perfect for beginners—clear, repeatable, and designed to build a strong foundation for reading, writing, and speaking.

A smart start to reading Greek with confidence. Learners discover how stress marks shape meaning and pronunciation—essential for fluency.

Clear explanations and practical examples make this the perfect entry point into authentic Greek reading.

5. STRESS SYSTEM

A written accent/stress mark (´) is used in all words of more than one syllable to show where the stress falls. Try to observe this as carefully as possible. Changing the position of the stress mark can alter the meaning entirely like *νότε* (when) and *νοτέ* (never), so pay close attention. *εἰμι* (I am) *οἶ* (no)

The accent/stress mark always falls on one of the Greek vowels and never on a consonant. It is primarily used with words of two or more syllables, although there are a few exceptions of one syllable words with a stress mark (like some question words *πού* (where?). This is the case when two words have a similar sound but different function and meaning, for instance, the word *ἡ* meaning *the* without a stress mark and *ἡ* meaning *or* with a stress mark. Some of these one-syllable words are:

πού (where) *πώς* (how) *ἢ* (or)

The stress mark is used on lower case vowels and only on an initial capital vowel letter in a proper name (names for people or places) or a word (that is stressed on the first syllable) at the beginning of a sentence. On a capital vowel, the accent always goes on the left side of the letter (not on top like in lower case vowels). For example:

Ἄννα (female name) *Ἄκης* (male name) *Ἀττα* (city in Greece)

Ἔχει κρύο σήμερα. (It's cold today.)

No stress mark is used, when the word is spelled out in capital letters only, for example *ANNA*.

In *αι, ει, οι, αυ, ευ* each letter is pronounced separately if there is a stress mark over the first vowel or the sign (´) is over the combinations (*αι, ει, οι*). *νῆαι* (next to)

Exercise 1: – Listen and add the stress mark. 🎧

1. Ἄννα 2. Ἐλενη 3. οἶ 4. τζακι 5. κάρτσι 6. μπαμπος

Exercise 2: – Listen and say. Notice where the stress mark is in each word. Then write the words in all capital letters. Do we add stress marks to words that are in all capital letters? 🎧

1. ράδιο _____
2. καίτα _____
3. πᾶνο _____
4. ευχαριστώ _____
5. ταξι _____
6. ιδέα _____

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6. PUNCTUATION

Greek punctuation is very similar to that of in English. The only obvious difference is the semicolon (;) which is used as a question mark in Greek.

7. THE DEFINITE ARTICLES

ο	(definite masculine article) the	ο καφές (the coffee)
η	(definite feminine article) the	η βροχή (the rain)
το	(definite neuter article) the	το βιβλίο (the book)

Note: Proper nouns may be accompanied by the definite article when talking about a specific person (ο Νίκος / η Άννα).

8. USEFUL CLASSROOM LANGUAGE

Listen and say. 🎧

Ανοίξτε τα βιβλία σας.	Open your books.
Κλείστε τα βιβλία σας.	Close your books.
Ακούστε.	Listen.
Κοιτάξτε.	Look.
Καθίστε κάτω.	Sit down.
Ευχαριστώ.	Thank you.
Παρακαλώ.	You're welcome. / Please.
Πώς λέμε _____ στα Ελληνικά.	How do you say _____ in Greek?
Συγγνώμη.	Sorry. / Excuse me.

Introduction to Greek Basics
This section introduces key concepts of the Greek language, which will be explored further in the Student Book lessons.