

## Memorization Sheet for Lessons 1-5

# Learn the Alphabet

Mounce Chapter Three<sup>1</sup> - The Alphabet and Pronunciation (Memorize)  
Greek Alphabet (Sung to "One-Little Two-Little Three-Little Indians")

α	Α	<a href="#">Alpha</a>	a as in f <u>a</u> ther	ν	Ν	<a href="#">Nu</a>	n as in <u>n</u> ew
β	Β	<a href="#">Beta</a>	b as in <u>B</u> ible	ξ	Ξ	<a href="#">Xsi</a>	x as in <u>x</u> iom
γ	Γ	<a href="#">Gamma</a>	g as in g <u>o</u> ne	ο	Ο	<a href="#">Omicron</a>	o as in n <u>o</u> t
δ	Δ	<a href="#">Delta</a>	d as in <u>d</u> og	π	Π	<a href="#">Pi</a>	p as in <u>p</u> each
ε	Ε	<a href="#">Epsilon</a>	e as in m <u>e</u> t	ρ	Ρ	<a href="#">Rho</a>	r as in <u>r</u> od
ζ	Ζ	<a href="#">Zeta</a>	z as in d <u>z</u> e	σ ς	Σ	<a href="#">Sigma</a>	s as in <u>s</u> tudy
η	Η	<a href="#">Eta</a>	e as in o <u>b</u> ey	τ	Τ	<a href="#">Tau</a>	t as in <u>t</u> alk
θ	Θ	<a href="#">Theta</a>	th as in <u>th</u> ing	υ	Υ	<a href="#">Upsilon</a>	oo as in <u>oo</u> k
ι	Ι	<a href="#">Iota</a>	i as in <u>i</u> ntrigue	φ	Φ	<a href="#">Phi</a>	ph as in <u>ph</u> one
κ	Κ	<a href="#">Kappa</a>	k as in <u>k</u> itchen	χ	Χ	<a href="#">Chi</a>	ch as in <u>ch</u>
λ	Λ	<a href="#">Lamba</a>	l as in <u>l</u> aw	ψ	Ψ	<a href="#">Psi</a>	ps as in <u>ps</u>
μ	Μ	<a href="#">Mu</a>	m as in <u>m</u> other	ω	Ω	<a href="#">Omega</a>	o as in <u>o</u> ne
		Learning Greek is Fun				See how far we've come	

Be Careful! Don't confuse η (eta) with English "n", the ν (nu) with the "v", the ρ (rho) with the "p", the χ (chi) with the "x" or the ω (omega) with the "w." There are two sigmas in Greek, ς occurs only at the end of a word and the σ occurs within the word. The vowels in Greek are α, ε, η, ι, ο, υ, ω.

Gamma (γ) usually has a hard "g" sound, as in "get." However, when it is immediately followed by γ, κ, χ or ξ it is pronounced as a "n." For example, the word *αγγελος* is pronounced "angelos." This is called the gamma nasal.

Alpha and iota may be either long or short. Epsilon and omicron are always short, while eta and omega are always long.

**Breathing Marks (When Used) are placed over all leading vowels (α, ε, η, ι, ο, υ, ω)**

´ ο or ´ ο = rough and adds an "h" sound, and ` ο or ` ο = smooth and adds nothing (no "h" sound).

All words beginning with a vowel (α, ε, η, ι, ο, υ, ω) or a rho (ρ) should have a breathing mark. A rough breathing mark, ´, adds a "h" sound to the word. A smooth breathing mark, ` , is placed over the first vowel and is not pronounced. Thus *ὑπέρ* is pronounced "huper" and *ὑπέρ* would be pronounced "uper" if it were a real Greek word. Don't confuse the accent symbol and remember all rho (´ ρ) not (ρ) and upsilons (´ υ) not (υ) have rough breathing marks. (#r) not (r)

**Learn the DIPHTHONGS (Memorize)**

αι	as in <u>a</u> isle	ἄρω
ει	as in <u>e</u> ight	εἶ
οι	as in <u>o</u> il	οἶκία
αυ	as in <u>sau</u> erkraut	αὐτός
ου	as in <u>so</u> p	οὐδέ
υι	as in <u>sui</u> te	υἱός
ευ, ηυ	as in <u>fe</u> ud	εὐθύς

Note the breathing mark goes over the second letter of the diphthong.

There are improper diphthongs. An improper diphthong is an iota placed beneath an alpha, eta or omega ending. It does not effect pronunciation but is essential for proper translation so watch for them.

There are non-thonged diphthongs. These show up with a double dot over the second vowel. The double dot is called a *diaeresis* (¨) as in (*ai*). When the diaeresis shows up the vowels are pronounced separately. For example ἡσάϊας has an αι the normally forms the aise diphthong, but the the diaeresis (¨) disqualifies it making the pronunciation asa-ias.

Diaeresis are frequently used in German, but occasional in English. It would be naïve to ignore it.

<sup>1</sup> William D. Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Zondervan, 1993

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Fill in the tables below. Open book open notes.

Greek Letter	Capital Greek	Letter Name	Pronunciation	Keyboard Equivalent
α	A	<u>Alpha</u>	a as in <u>fa</u> ther	A a
				B b
				G g
				D d
				E e
				Z z
				H h
				Q q
				I i
				K k
				L l
			m as in <u>mo</u> ther	M m

Greek Letter	Capital Greek	Letter Name	Pronunciation	Keyboard Equivalent
		Nu	n as in <u>ne</u> w	N n
				X x
				O o
				P p
				R r
				S s
				T t
				U u
				F f
				C c
				Y y
			o as in <u>to</u> ne	W w

Put an accent over the first α in γαμμα

Put a smooth breathing mark over the first ι in ιω`τα

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