

Greek Alphabet with reference to Core Vocab Words

A, α ἀγαθός ‘good, noble’

B, β βία (βίη in the language of Homeric poetry) ‘force, violence’

Γ, γ γένος ‘stock (“breeding”); generating [of something or someone]; generation’

Δ, δ δῆμος, plural δῆμοι ‘district, population of a district; community’

E, ε ἔπος, plural ἔπεα ‘word(s) said, utterance, poetic utterance’

Z, ζ ζωή, ‘life’; σώζειν (verb) ‘save’

H, η ἥρωες, plural ἥρωες ‘hero’

Θ, θ θυμός ‘heart, spirit’ (designates realm of consciousness, of rational and emotional functions)

I, ι ἱερός ‘sacred, holy’

K, κ κλέος, plural κλέα ‘glory, fame (especially as conferred by poetry or song); that which is heard’

Λ, λ λύσσα ‘rage, fury, frenzy’. This word is related to λύκος ‘wolf’; so the image is one of wolf-like rage.

M, μ μῆνις ‘superhuman anger’

N, ν νόστος ‘return, homecoming; song about homecoming; return to light and life’

Ξ, ξ ξένος, plural ξένοι ‘stranger who should be treated like a guest by a host, or like a host by a guest’

O, ο οἶκος ‘house, dwelling, abode; resting place of cult hero; family line’

Π, π πόλις ‘city, city-state’

P, ρ ῥυθμός ‘motion, rhythm’

Σ, σ, ς σῆμα, plural σήματα ‘sign, signal, symbol; tomb’

Τ, τ τέλος ‘end, ending, final moment; goal, completion, fulfillment; coming full circle, rounding out; successfully passing through an ordeal; initiation; ritual, rite’

Υ, υ ὑπέρ (preposition) ‘over, above’

Φ, φ φίλος ‘friend’ (noun); ‘dear, near-and-dear, belonging to self’ (adjective)

Χ, χ χορός ‘chorus’ = ‘group of singers/dancers’

Ψ, ψ ψυχή, plural ψυχαί: ‘soul’; essence of life while one is alive; conveyor of identity while one is dead,

Ω, ω ὥρα, plural ὥραι ‘season, seasonality, the right time, the perfect time’

Diphthongs:

αι ψυχαί

ει ἄειδε

οι οἶκος

αυ αὐτός

ευ Ζεύς

ου οὐ, οὐκ

ηυ ἠύρηκα

υι υἰός

Breathing marks: ἀγαθός, ἥρωες, οἶκος, υἰός, Αἴδης, Ἥρη, Οὐλυμπος