Greek Alphabet with reference to Core Vocab Words

Α, α  ἀγαθός ‘good, noble’

Β, 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’

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

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

Η, η  ἥρως, plural ἥρωες ‘hero’

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

Ι, ι  ἱερός ‘sacred, holy’

Κ, 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.

Μ, μ  μῆνις ‘superhuman anger’

Ν, 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

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

Π, π  πόλις ‘city, city-state’

Ρ, ρ  ῥυθμός ‘motion, rhythm’
\( \Sigma, \sigma, \varsigma \) σήμα, plural σήματα 'sign, signal, symbol; tomb'

\( \Upsilon, \upsilon \) υπέρ (preposition) 'over, above'

\( \Phi, \phi \) φίλος 'friend' (noun); 'dear, near-and-dear, belonging to self' (adjective)

\( \chi, \chi \) χορός 'chorus' = 'group of singers/dancers'

\( \Psi, \psi \) ψυχή, plural ψυχαί: 'soul'; essence of life while one is alive; conveyor of identity while one is dead,

\( \Omega, \omega \) ώρα, plural ώραι 'season, seasonality, the right time, the perfect time'

**Diphthongs:**

\( \alpha \) ψυχαί

\( \epsilon \) ἀείδε

\( \omicron \) οίκος

\( \alpha \nu \) αὐτός

\( \epsilon \upsilon \) Zeūς

\( \omicron \upsilon \) οὖ, οὔκ

\( \eta \nu \) ηὐρηκα

\( \upsilon \upsilon \) υίός

**Breathing marks:** ἀγαθός, ἦρως, οἶκος, υίός, Ἀἰδής, Ἡρη, Οὐλυμπος