



Alphabet and Pronunciation

The Greek Alphabet

Α α	Alpha - a (as in father)
Β β	Beta - v (as in vine)
Γ γ	Gamma - gh/y (before e, i)
Δ δ	Delta - th (as in this)
Ε ε	Epsilon - e (as in bed)
Ζ ζ	Zeta - z (as in zoo)
Η η	Eta - ee (as in feet)
Θ θ	Theta - th (as in thin)

Basic Vocabulary

Greetings

Γεια σας (Yia sas)	Hello (formal/plural)
Γεια σου (Yia sou)	Hello (informal/singular)
Καλημέρα (Kalimera)	Good morning/Good day
Καλό μεσημέρι (Kalo mesimeri)	Good afternoon
Καλίσπέρα (Kalispera)	Good evening
Καληνύχτα (Kalinihta)	Good night
Αντίο (Adio)	Goodbye

Basic Grammar

Nouns and Genders

<p>Greek nouns have three genders: masculine, feminine, and neuter. The gender of a noun affects its article and adjective agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masculine: usually ends in -ος, -ης, -ας Feminine: usually ends in -α, -η Neuter: usually ends in -ο, -ι, -ον
<p>Articles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masculine: ο (o) Feminine: η (i) Neuter: το (to)
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ο άνδρας (o andras) - the man (masculine) η γυναίκα (i gineka) - the woman (feminine) το παιδί (to pedi) - the child (neuter)

Essential Phrases and Questions

Asking Questions

Πώς; (Pos?)	How?
Τι; (Ti?)	What?
Πού; (Pou?)	Where?
Πότε; (Pote?)	When?
Γιατί; (Giati?)	Why?
Πόσο; (Poso?)	How much/many?
Ποιος/Ποια/Ποιο; (Poios/Poia/Poio?)	Who/Which?

Pronunciation Notes

<p>Γγ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before ε, ι, η, υ, αι, ει, οι: pronounced like 'y' in 'yes'. Otherwise: pronounced like 'gh' (similar to the French 'r').
<p>Δδ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always pronounced like 'th' in 'this'.
<p>Θθ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always pronounced like 'th' in 'thin'.
<p>Combinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> μπ (mp) is pronounced 'b' ντ (nt) is pronounced 'd' γγ/γκ (gg/gk) is pronounced 'ng' τσ (ts) is pronounced 'ts' τζ (tz) is pronounced 'dz'

Common Phrases

Τι κάνεις; (Ti kanis?)	How are you? (informal)
Τι κάνετε; (Ti kanete?)	How are you? (formal/plural)
Είμαι καλά (Ime kala)	I'm fine
Ευχαριστώ (Efharisto)	Thank you
Παρακαλώ (Parakalo)	You're welcome/Please
Συγγνώμη (Signomi)	Excuse me/Sorry
Δεν καταλαβαίνω (Den katalavaino)	I don't understand

Basic Verb: Είμαι (I am)

<p>The verb <i>είμαι</i> (ime) means 'to be'. Here's its conjugation in the present tense:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Εγώ είμαι (Ego imai) - I am Εσύ είσαι (Esi ise) - You are (informal) Αυτός/Αυτή/Αυτό είναι (Aftos/Afti/Afto ine) - He/She/It is Εμείς είμαστε (Emeis imaste) - We are Εσείς είστε (Eseis iste) - You are (formal/plural) Αυτοί/Αυτές/Αυτά είναι (Afti/Aftes/Afta ine) - They are
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Useful Phrases

Μιλάτε αγγλικά; (Milate anglika?)	Do you speak English?
Μιλάω λίγα ελληνικά (Milao liga ellinika)	I speak a little Greek
Πόσο κάνει; (Poso kani?)	How much does it cost?
Πού είναι η τουαλέτα; (Pou ine i toualeta?)	Where is the toilet?
Βοήθεια! (Boithia!)	Help!
Δεν ξέρω (Den ksero)	I don't know
Καταλαβαίνω (Katalavaino)	I understand