

Alphabet and Sample Words for Pronunciation

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CHAPTER 1: THE ALPHABET

alpha	A α	ἄλφα	ä as in father
beta	B β	βῆτα	b as in bit
gamma	Γ γ	γάμμα	g as in get
delta	Δ δ	δέλτα	d as in den
epsilon	E ε	ἒ ψιλόν	ě as in get
zeta	Z ζ	ζῆτα	dz as in gadzooks
eta	H η	ἦτα	ā as in lake
theta	Θ θ	θῆτα	th as in thought
iota	I ι	ἰῶτα	ĩ as in bit, or ē as in machine
kappa	K κ	κάππα	k as in kit
lambda	Λ λ	λάμβδα	l as in lit
mu	M μ	μῦ	m as in meet
nu	N ν	νῦ	n as in neat
xi	Ξ ξ	ξῖ	ks = x as in taxi
omicron	O ο	ὀ μικρόν	ô as in off
pi	Π π	πῖ	p as in pen
rho	Ρ ρ	ῥῶ	slightly rolled r
sigma	Σ σ ς	σίγμα	s as in set
tau	T τ	ταῦ	t as in ten
upsilon	Υ υ	ὕ ψιλόν	ū as in duty or û as in put
phi	Φ φ	φῖ	ph = f as in phone
chi	Χ χ	χῖ	ch = kh as in Loch Ness
psi	Ψ ψ	ψῖ	ps as in flaps
omega	Ω ω	ὦ μέγα	ō as in total

SAMPLE VOCABULARY

ἀθλητής	ä thlā tās	= athlete
βιβλίον	bī blē ôn	= book
γεωγραφία	gě ō grā fē ä	= geography
δημοκρατία	dā mō krā tē ä	= democracy
ἐγώ	ě gō	= I
ζῶον	dzō ôn	= living creature
ἤλεκτρον	ā lěk trôn	= amber (cf. electron)
θεός	thě ôs	= god
ιδέα	ĩ dē ä	= form; appearance; notion
καλός	kā lôs	= beautiful
λόγος	lô gôs	= word
μελωδία	mě lō dē ä	= melody
νέον	ně ôn	= new thing
ξύλον	xû lôn	= piece of wood
Ὀλυμπία	ô lūm pē ä	= Olympia
ποιητής	poi ā tās	= poet
ῥυθμός	rhūth mōs	= rhythm
σύνταξις	sūn tā ksīs	= syntax
τέχνη	tě khnā	= technical skill
ὕμνος	hū mnōs	= hymn, song
φωνή	fō nā	= voice, sound
χαρακτήρ	khä rä ktār	= character
ψυχή	psū khā	= soul
ὦ	ō	= oh... (calling someone)