

Gk101 – Introduction to Hebrew and Greek – Spring 2018

***The GREEK  
Alphabet Part 2  
Pronunciation and  
Transliteration***

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***Alpha-Omega***

Alpha, Beta, Gamma

The Greek Alphabet song

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**α** - Alpha,  
a as in father

α a

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**β** - Beta,  
b as in Bible

β b

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Υ** - Gamma,  
g as in gone

Υ g

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Δ** - Delta,  
d as in dog

Δ d

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Ε** - Epsilon,  
e as in met

Ε e

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Ζ** - Zeta,  
z as in daze

Ζ z

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**η** - Eta,  
e as in obey

η ē

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**θ** - Theta,  
th as in thing

θ th

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**I** - Iota,  
i as in intrigue

**I** **i**

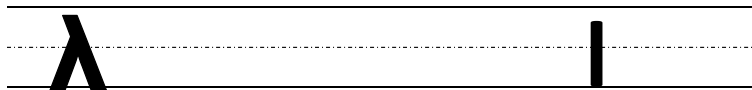
## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**K** - Kappa,  
k as in kitchen

**K** **k**

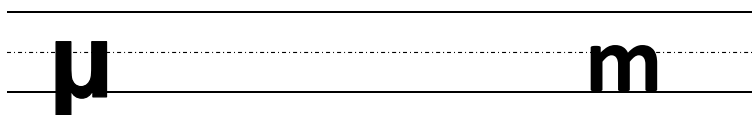
# ***The Greek Alphabet***

**λ** - Lambda  
l as in law



# ***The Greek Alphabet***

**μ** - Mu  
m as in mother



## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**ν** - Nu  
n as in new

ν n

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

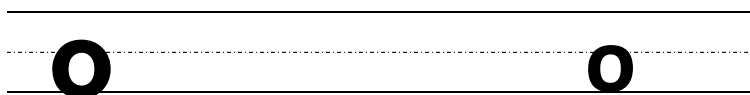
**ξ** - Xi  
x as in axiom

ξ x



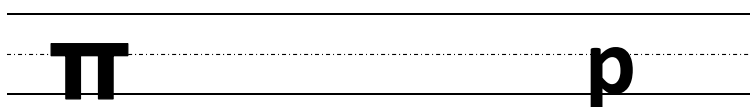
## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Ο** - Omicron  
**ο** as in not



## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Π** - Pi  
**π** as in peach



## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**ρ** - Rho  
r as in rod

ρ r

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**σ** - Sigma  
s as in sit

σ s  
Σ

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**T** - Tau  
**t** as in talk

**T** **t**

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**U** - Upsilon  
**u** as the german **ü**

**U** **u/y\***

\* Transliterated as a “u” if preceded by another vowel,  
 and as a “y” if it occurs as a single vowel.

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**ϕ**

- Phi

ph as in phone

ϕ ph

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Χ**

- Chi

ch as in loch

Χ ch

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Ψ** - Psi,  
ps as in lips

Ψ ps

## ***The Greek Alphabet***

**Ω** - Omega  
o as in tone

Ω o

## **Pronunciation – γ Special**

- γ usually has a hard “g” sound as in “get” or “goat”
- However when the “γ” is followed by “γ κ χ ξ” then it is pronounced as “n”. This is called a gamma nasal

## **Pronunciation – γ Special examples**

<b>Greek</b>	<b>TransLit</b>	<b>Sounds like</b>
γγ	ng	As ng in bing
γκ	nk	As nk in boink
γχ	nch	As nch in bunch
γξ	nx	As nx in anxious

## Diphthongs

- **A diphthong is a combination of two vowels that produce one sound. The second vowel is always “ι” or “υ”.**

## Diphthongs (cont)

Diphthong	As in	Greek Example
αι	As in aisle	αιρω
ει	As in eight	ει
οι	As oil	οικια
αυ	As in sauerkraut	αυτος
ου	As in soup	ουδε
υι	As in suite	υιος
ευ, ηυ	As in feud	ευθυσ ηυξανεν