

Gk 101 – Introduction to Greek and Hebrew

Substantives *(Continued)*

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***IF WE ONLY HAD SUBJECTS, VERBS,
AND OBJECTS, COMMUNICATION
WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT AND
CERTAINLY LESS COLORFUL.***

Article

ὁ is the most important Greek word. Not only does it occur 19867 times in the New Testament, but it will give you significant clues as to the overall structure of a sentence.

ὁ will match case, number and gender of the word it modifies.

Note: A nouns gender is fixed but the article (and adjectives) will always bend its gender to match it's noun

Additional rules about Articles

- The most common translation (when translated) of the article is “the”

Additional rules about Articles

- Greek may use the article when English does not use it, such as before a personal name. Matt 15:15
- This may include the word for God, “ΘΕΟΣ”. Acts 10:15
- The article is not always used when English requires it – so it is added if needed in the context of the English. Matt 3:11

Adjectives

An adjective is a word that modifies a noun or pronoun (or another adjective)

Rules about Adjectives

- **Adjectives can function adjectively (ie, like a regular adjective, also called an attributive adjective)**

Additional Side Point:

- **If a word is preceded by \acute{o} we say the word is articular**
- **If a word is not preceded by \acute{o} we say the word is anarthrous**

Rules about Articles

- **Attributive adjectives tend to be articular.**
- **There are two attributive adjective forms**
 - 1. Article-Modifier–Substantive (Phil 1:15)**
 - 2. Article-Noun-Article-Adjective
(Eph 4:30)**

Substantival Adjectives

- When an adjective is functioning Substantially, it agrees in gender and number of the word it stands for and its case is determined by its function in the sentence.

(Matt 1:19 or Matt 6:13 {NASB vs NIV})

Sometime the translator will have to add a word like "man" to make the translation correct.

Adjectives

Sometimes, both the nouns, and the adjectives will be anarthrous (no article). (Matt 3:15, Luke 11:34)

In this situation the context will have to be used to determine if it is attributive, sustantival, or predicate

Pronouns

There are 16,245 pronouns in the Greek Testament.

Pronouns

- **Greek personal pronouns function much as they do in English,**
 - **number and gender are determined by the antecedent**
 - **case is determined by the pronouns function.**

Pronouns (continued)

- Translators sometimes replace a personal pronoun with its antecedent for the sake of clarity

Matt 8:24 (NIV)

Matt 9:10 (esv)

Pronouns (Continued)

- Since a pronoun subject is implicit in every verb, When a pronoun is supplied with a verb it is being done for **EMPHASIS**.

Luke 22:70 ie, **ἐγώ εἰμι** (ex 3:14)

Review - Substantives

- **Articles**
- **Adjectives**
- **Pronouns**