

The GREEK Alphabet Pronunciation and Reading

March 01, 2018

Breathing Marks

- **Greek has two breathing marks, “rough” and “smooth”. Every word beginning with a vowel, or a rho has a breathing mark.**

“`” is the rough breathing mark

“’” is the smooth breathing mark

Breathing Marks (cont)

- **Rough breathing mark:**
 - Adds an “h” sound before the vowel
 - Adds an “h” sound after the rho
- **Smooth breathing marks are not pronounced.**
- **Either breathing mark is placed ahead of an opening Capital letter.**
- **Either breathing mark is placed over the 2nd letter in a diphthong.**

Syllabification

Greek words syllabify much the same as English words do.

- 1. There is one vowel or diphthong per syllable**
- 2. A single consonant goes with the following vowel**
ie, αὐ-τός NOT αὐτ-ός

Detailed Syllabification Rules

1. **There is one vowel or diphthong per syllable**
2. **Two consecutive vowels that do not form a diphthong are divided**
3. **A single consonant goes with the following word.**
4. **A consonant cluster that does not form a single sound is divided**
5. **A consonant cluster that forms a single sound goes with the following vowel**
6. **Double consonants are divided (two of the same consonants adjacent)**
7. **Compound words are divided where joined.**

John 3:16, Normal & Syllabified

- Οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον ὥστε τὸν υἱὸν τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλὰ ἔχη ζωὴν αἰώνιον.

Οὐ-τω-ς γὰρ ἠ-γά-πη-σεν ὁ θε-ὸς
τὸν κό-σμον ὥ-σ-τε τὸν υἱ-ὸν τὸν
μο-νο-γε-νη ἔ-δω-κεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ
πι-στεύ-ων εἰς αὐ-τὸν μὴ ἀ-πό-λη-
ται
ἀλλὰ ἔ-χη ζω-ὴν αἰ-ώ-νι-ον.

ACCENTS**Accents - There are Three**

Acute	voice rose	αἰτέω
Grave	voice dropped	θεὸς
Circumflex	voice rose & dropped	Ἰησοῦς

PUNCTUATION

Punctuation

- **There are 4 punctuation marks:**
 - 1. Period** **Same as English.**
 - 2. Comma** **Same as English,**
 - 3. SemiColon**
a period above the line ·
 - 4. Question Mark**
an English semicolon ;

Transliteration Usage

Many Greek “tools” will include a transliteration of the text being studied. Examples include:

- **Verb: λέγω (*legō*), GK 3306**
- **Noun: σάρξ (*sarx*), GK 4922**
- **Noun: ἀββᾶ (*abba*), GK 5**

LET'S TRY SOME READING

John 1:1-5 Bible Reading

1.1 Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. 2 οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεόν. 3 πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ ἓν. ὃ γέγονεν 4 ἐν αὐτῷ ζωὴ ἦν, καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἦν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων. 5 καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ φαίνει, καὶ ἡ σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν.

 Holmes, M. W. (2010). The Greek New Testament: SBL Edition (Jn 1). Lexham Press.

Let's Try a little reading !

ὁ Ἰ-η-σους με ἀ'-γα-πα
 ο'-τι γρα-φη κη-ρυσ-σει
 παι-δι-α εἰ-σιν ἀ'υ-τω
 ἀ'-σθε-νου-σι δυ-να-ται

Gk101 – Introduction to Hebrew and Greek – Spring 2018

Let's Try a little reading !

ναι Ἰ-η-σους ἀ'-γα-πα

ναι Ἰ-η-σους ἀ'-γα-πα

ναι Ἰ-η-σους ἀ'-γα-πα

ἡ' γρα'-φη κη-ρυσ-σει

Week 3 – March 01, 2018


Page 15

Gk101 – Introduction to Hebrew and Greek – Spring 2018

LET'S SING JESUS LOVES ME.

Week 3 – March 01, 2018

Page 16



Jesus loves ME!

ó 'Ι - η - σοῦς με ἀ - γα - πᾶ ὁ - τι γρα - φῆ κη - ρύσ - σει

© William Mounce