

Mounce Ch 17 Handout: Contract Verbs
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I. Contract verbs: A contract verb is a verb whose stem ends with one of three contract _____ . These are the vowels _____, _____, and _____.

Problem: These contract vowels will be followed by connecting vowels, and when they meet, the “contract” (form contractions) and become something else. Aside from the contractions occurring before the personal endings, *everything else is normal* about contract verbs!

II. Common Vowel Contractions in Greek:

A. The “Big Five”

1.

οε >

εο >

οο >

2.

εε >

3.

αο >

4.

αε >

5.

εα >

B. Other miscellaneous contractions

οει >

Diphthongs:

Simplify two vowels that are the same:

εει >

οου >

Contract two vowels that are different and then subscript iota if possible (upsilon falls off):

αει >

εου >

III. Contract verbs in action:

ἀγαπα

ποιε

πληρο

ἀγαπα

ποιε

πληρο

ἀγαπα

ποιε

πληρο

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