

GREEK GRAMMAR I

Present Active Indicative Tense

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Personal Endings:

	Pres Stem	Connecting (Thematic) Vowel	Real Endings	Modified Endings (Mounce)	Resultant Endings (with thematic vowel ο/ε)
1s	λυ	ο	μι	-	ω
2s	λυ	ε	σι	ς	εις
3s	λυ	ε	τι	ι	ει
1p	λυ	ο	μεν	μεν	ομεν
2p	λυ	ε	τε	τε	ετε
3p	λυ	ο	ντι	νσι	ουσι(ν)

1s: λυ – ο – μι : μι drops (λυ – ο), and ο lengthens to ω (λύω).

2s: λυ – ε – σι : Intervocalic σ drops, leaving ει (λυ – ε – ι). A σ is added at the end to distinguish the form from the 3s (λύεις).

3s: λυ – ε – τι : A τ before a final ι becomes σ (λυ – ε – σι). However, the now intervocalic σ drops (λυ – ε – ι), leaving ει (λύει).

1p: λυ – ο – μεν : No problems, no changes (λύομεν).

2p: λυ – ε – τε : No problems, no changes (λύετε).

3p: λυ – ο – ντι : A τ before a final ι becomes σ (λυ – ο – νσι). However, ν plus σ produces σ (λυ – ο – σι), and the ο lengthens to ου (λυ – ου – σι) to compensate for the loss of ν (λύουσι).

Here's the chart you need to memorize for Master Personal Endings Chart (note the slight difference from Mounce, p. 134). The endings in parentheses are the real endings.

λύω	- (μι)
λύεις	ς (σι)
λύει	ι (τι)
λύομεν	μεν
λύετε	τε
λύουσι(ν)	νσι (ντι)