Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

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$\dot{\alpha}\nu\alpha\gamma\nu\omega\sigma\kappa\omega$ - I read $\dot{\delta}\kappa\sigma\sigma\mu\sigma\varsigma$ - the world $\gamma\nu\omega\sigma\kappa\omega$ - I know $\dot{\delta}\lambda\sigma\gamma\sigma\varsigma$ - the word $\gamma\rho\alpha\phi\omega$ - I write $\dot{\delta}\alpha\gamma\sigma\varsigma$ - the word $\lambda\epsilon\gamma\omega$ - I say, I am saying $\dot{\delta}\pi\rho\sigma\phi\eta\tau\eta\varsigma$ - the prophet $\dot{\epsilon}\mu\iota$ - I am $\dot{\sigma}\tau\sigma\varsigma$ - he, it (masculine) $\dot{\epsilon}\sigma\tau\nu$ - he/she/it is $\dot{\sigma}\alpha\gamma\eta$ - the beginning $\dot{\tau}\nu$ - he/she/it was $\dot{\eta}\alpha\rho\chi\eta$ - the beginning $\dot{\eta}\nu$ - he/she/it was η $\eta\sigma\alpha\nu$ - they were $\tau\sigma\beta\iota\beta\lambda\iota\sigma\nu$ - book (neuter) $\tau\sigma\phi\omega\varsigma$ - the light	$\dot{\alpha}\lambda\eta\theta\eta\varsigma$ - true $\dot{\epsilon}\gamma\omega$ - I $\sigma\sigma\iota$ - to you (singular) $\dot{\nu}\mu\iota\nu$ - to you (plural) $\dot{\eta}\mu\omega\nu$ - of us, our $\dot{\epsilon}\nu$ - in προς - towards, with και - and, also
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Vocabulary

Grammar

The Greek nouns are built from a "**stem**" which gives the meaning of the noun, and a "**case ending**" which shows how the word functions in a sentence – is it the thing doing the action of the verb, receiving the action of the verb, does it show where or how the action takes place?

The "**Nominative** Case" is used for the "Subject" of a sentence. This is what usually goes in front of the verb in English, and shows who is doing the action of a verb (for an verb in the "Active" form) The Nominative is the usual form in which a noun is listed in a dictionary.

The "**Vocative** Case" is used to address someone (Latin "vocare" - "to call"). It is often has the same ending as the Nominative. eg. "God, please help!"

The "Accusative Case" is used for the "Object" of a sentence. This is what usually goes after the verb in English, and shows who "receives" the action, or what is produced by the action, etc.

The "Genitive Case" is used to show possession, belonging to. The "apostrophe s" in English is what remains of the Old English Genitive Case, which often ended in –es. (eg. The dogges bone)

The "**Dative** Case" is used for the "Indirect Object", and can often be translated by using words such as "to, for, by, with, from"

Nouns have grammatical "gender" – they can be Masculine, Feminine, or Neuter.

Masculine nouns often end in -OS

Feminine nouns often end in $-\eta$ or $-\alpha$

Neuter nouns often end in $-\mathbf{OV}$

Πατερ ήμων ὁ ἐν τοις οὐρανοις, ἀγιασθητω το ὀνομα σου, ἐλθετω ἡ βασιλεια σου Our Father, who (is) in the heavens, let your name be holy, let your kingdom come