

# Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

## Grammar

### The Present Indicative Active of Contract Verbs

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**Contract Verbs** are those whose Stem ends in a Vowel

When the vowel of the Stem comes next to the vowel of an ending, they “contract” to give one broad vowel.

The general rules are :

$\alpha + \omega = \omega$

$\alpha + o = \omega$

$\alpha + ou = \omega$

$\alpha + \epsilon = \alpha$

$\alpha + \eta = \alpha$

$\alpha +$  combination containing  $\iota = \alpha$

$\epsilon + \epsilon = \epsilon\iota$

$\epsilon + o = ou$

$\epsilon$  next to a long vowel

or diphthong drops out

$o +$  long vowel =  $\omega$

$o +$  short vowel or  $ou = ou$

$o +$  combination containing  $\iota = o\iota$

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Singular	endings	ἀγαπαω I love	ποιεω I do	πληρωω I fill
1 <sup>st</sup> Person	— ω	ἀγαπῶ	ποιῶ	πληρῶ
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	— εις	ἀγαπας	ποιεις	πληροισ
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	— ει	ἀγαπα	ποιει	πληροι
Plural				
1 <sup>st</sup> Person	— ομεν	ἀγαπωμεν	ποιουμεν	πληρουμεν
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	— ετε	ἀγαπατε	ποιειτε	πληρουτε
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	— ουσιν	ἀγαπωσιν	ποιουσιν	πληρουσιν

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**Vocabulary** : \* = OK for present tense

ἀγαπαω	I love	αἰτεω	I ask, request	δικαιοω	I justify
γενναω	I beget	ἀκολουθεω	I follow	πληρωω	I fill, fulfill
ερωταω	I ask (a question)	δοκεω	I think, seem	σταυρωω	I crucify
ζαω	I live	ζητεω	I seek	φανεροω	I make manifest
νικαω	I conquer	θεωρεω	I look at	τελειωω	I make perfect
οραω *	I see	καλεω *	I call		
πειναω	I hunger	λαλεω	I speak		
πλαναω	I lead astray	μαρτυρεω	I bear witness		
τιμαω	I honor	παρακαλεω *	I exhort		
		περιπατεω	I walk		
		ποιεω	I make, I do		
		προσκυνεω	I worship		
		τηρεω	I keep		