

# Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

## Grammar

### The Present Indicative Active of the Regular Verb

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The Present Tense is used for an action going on in the present. It generally implies a continuous or repeated action.

The Present Tense can also be used in Greek narrative for events in the past, to give the reader a sense of being there at the time of the events : this is referred to as the **Historical Present**.

The Present tense is formed by adding the personal endings to the Present Stem of the Verb

The personal endings refer to the "Person" who is the Subject of the Verb

English shows who is doing the action by putting personal pronouns or nouns in front of the verb.

Greek shows who is doing the action by putting personal endings on the stem of the verb.

Greek also has pronouns, but they are used for emphasis rather than for general statements.

eg. "I did my homework, but **you** goofed off."

The **-ν** on the end of **-ουσιν** is sometimes dropped off.

If the stem of the verb ends in a vowel, it combines with the vowels of the personal endings according to a set of rules which are given on the page of Contract Verbs.

#### Singular

1 <sup>st</sup> Person	<b>I</b>	— <b>ω</b>	<b>λεγω</b> I say	<b>λυω</b> I loose	<b>γραφω</b> I write
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	<b>you/thou</b>	— <b>εις</b>	<b>λεγεις</b> you say	<b>λυεις</b> you loose	<b>γραφεις</b> you write
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	<b>he/she/it</b>	— <b>ει</b>	<b>λεγει</b> he says	<b>λυει</b> he looses	<b>γραφει</b> he writes
Plural					
1 <sup>st</sup> Person	<b>we</b>	— <b>ομεν</b>	<b>λεγομεν</b> we say	<b>λυομεν</b> we loose	<b>γραφομεν</b> we write
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	<b>you</b>	— <b>ετε</b>	<b>λεγετε</b> you say	<b>λυετε</b> you loose	<b>γραφετε</b> you write
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	<b>they</b>	— <b>ουσιν</b>	<b>λεγουσιν</b> they say	<b>λυουσιν</b> they loose	<b>γραφουσιν</b> they write

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#### Vocabulary : Verbs in — ω ( \* marks verbs which are irregular in some tenses )

<b>ἄκουω *</b>	I hear	<b>ἀναγινωσκω *</b>	I read
<b>ἀπαγγελλω *</b>	I announce	<b>ἀποκαλυπτω</b>	I reveal
<b>ἀποστελλω *</b>	I send	<b>βαλλω *</b>	I throw
<b>βαπτίζω</b>	I baptize	<b>βλεπω</b>	I see
<b>γινωσκω *</b>	I come to know, understand, learn		
<b>γραφω</b>	I write	<b>διδασκω</b>	I teach
<b>ἐκβαλλω *</b>	I cast out	<b>εὔρισκω</b>	I find
<b>ἔχω *</b>	I have	<b>θελω *</b>	I wish, desire
<b>κρινω *</b>	I judge	<b>λαμβάνω *</b>	I take, receive
<b>μένω</b>	I remain	<b>πιστευω</b>	I have faith (in), trust