

Chapter 38

The Present Participle Active

38.1 Before proceeding with this chapter, review chapter 20 for the introduction to the Present Active participle, and chapter 24 for the Present Middle and Passive participles.

The Present Stem of the Greek Verb has the sense of continuous or repeated action. For the Present participle, this implies that the action of the participle is going on at the same time as the action of the main verb in the sentence.

38.2 As we saw in chapter 20, the Present Active participle is formed by adding -ων to the Present Stem of the verb. This gives the Masculine Nominative Singular form. The Masculine and Neuter forms follow a Third Declension pattern, while the Feminine follows a First Declension pattern :

		Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular	Nom.	STEM-ων	STEM-ουσα	STEM-ον
	Acc.	STEM-οντα	STEM-ουσαν	STEM-ον
	Gen.	STEM-οντος	STEM-ουσης	STEM-οντος
	Dat.	STEM-οντι	STEM-ουση	STEM-οντι
Plural	Nom.	STEM-οντες	STEM-ουσαι	STEM-οντα
	Acc.	STEM-οντας	STEM-ουσας	STEM-οντα
	Gen.	STEM-οντων	STEM-ουσων	STEM-οντων
	Dat.	STEM-ουσι(ν)	STEM-ουσαις	STEM-ουσι(ν)

The Present Participle of εἶμι is ὄν, οὐσα, ὄν - "being". Learn the declension of ὄν, οὐσα, ὄν, and all other Present Participles Active can be built by adding its forms to the Present stem of the verb.

Contract verbs, in -αω, -εω, -οω, will follow the usual rules of contraction.

		Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular	Nom.	ὄν	οὐσα	ὄν
	Acc.	ὄντα	οὐσαν	ὄν
	Gen.	ὄντος	οὐσης	ὄντος
	Dat.	ὄντι	οὐση	ὄντι
Plural	Nom.	ὄντες	οὐσαι	ὄντα
	Acc.	ὄντας	οὐσας	ὄντα
	Gen.	ὄντων	οὐσῶν	ὄντων
	Dat.	οὐσι(ν)	οὐσαις	οὐσι(ν)

Practice - until you can read and translate easily. Participles are shown in **bold** type.

1. Φωνὴ **βοῶντος** ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ. A voice of (a man) bawling in the desert. (*Mark 1:3*)
2. ἦν Ἰωάννης **βαπτίζων** ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ. John was in the desert, baptizing (*see Mark 1:4*)
3. καὶ **κηρύσσων** βάπτισμα μετανοίας and preaching a baptism of repentance
εἰς ἄφεσιν ἁμαρτιῶν. for forgiveness of sins. (*Mark 1:4*)
4. καὶ ἦν ὁ Ἰωάννης **ἐσθίων** ἀκρίδας And John was eating (used to eat) locusts
καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. and wild honey. (*see Mark 1:5*)
5. καὶ εὐθὺς **ἀναβαίνων** ἐκ τοῦ ὕδατος And immediately, coming up (as he came up)
εἶδεν **σχιζομένους** τοὺς οὐρανοὺς. out of the water he saw the heavens being split,
6. καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα ὡς περιστερὰν And the Spirit
καταβαίνων εἰς αὐτόν. coming down onto him like a dove. (*Mark 1:10*)

7. καὶ **παράγων** παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν . . . And as he was passing by beside the sea . . .
εἶδεν Σίμονα καὶ Ἀνδρέαν he saw Simon and Andrew
τὸν ἀδελφὸν Σίμωνος **ἀμφιβάλλοντας** the brother of Simon casting (nets)
ἐν τῇ θαλάσῃ. in the sea. (Mark 1:16)
8. ἦν γὰρ **διδάσκων** αὐτοὺς For he was teaching them
ὡς ἐξουσίαν **ἔχων** like (one) having authority
καὶ οὐχ ὡς οἱ γραμματεῖς. and not like the scribes. (Mark 1:22)
9. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, And he said (says) to him, "Truly, truly I say to you,
ὄψεσθε . . . τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ θεοῦ you will see . . . the angels of God
ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ **καταβαίνοντας** ascending and descending
ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. on the Son of man. (John 1:51)
10. λέγει αὐτῷ ἡ γυνὴ ἡ Σαμαρίτις, The Samaritan woman said (says) to him
Πῶς σὺ Ἰουδαῖος **ὄν** "How (is it that) you, being a Jew,
παρ' ἐμοῦ πειν αἰτεῖς ask to drink from (of) me,
γυναικὸς Σαμαρίτιδος **οὔσης** ; (of one) being a Samaritan woman?
(see John 4:9)

38.3 The Participle used as a Noun - see Section 20.4 to review this usage.

Practice - until you can read and translate easily

1. ἔφερον πρὸς αὐτὸν . . . They were bringing to him
τοὺς κακῶς **ἔχοντας**. the ones "having badly"
(those being ill, having sickness) (Mark 1:32)
2. ὁ **πιστεύων** εἰς αὐτὸν οὐ κρίνεται. The one trusting in him is not judged. (John 3:18)
3. πνεῦμα ὁ θεός, καὶ God (is) a spirit, and it is necessary
τοὺς **προσκυνοῦντας** αὐτὸν for the ones worshipping Him
ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ to worship in spirit and in truth.
δεῖ προσκυνεῖν. (John 4:24)
4. ἄλλος ἔστιν ὁ **σπείρων** (One) is the sower,
καὶ ἄλλος ὁ **θερίζων**. and another the harvester (John 4:37)
5. τῇ ἐπαύριον βλέπει τὸν Ἰησοῦν On the next day he saw (sees) Jesus
ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτόν, καὶ λέγει, coming towards him, and said (says),
Ἴδε ὁ ἀμνὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ὁ **αἴρων** "Behold, the lamb of God, the one taking away
τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου. the sins of the world. (John 1:29)
6. Ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ Ἄλφα καὶ τὸ Ὠ, "I am the Alpha and the Omega,"
λέγει κύριος ὁ θεός, ὁ **ὄν** says the Lord God, the one 'being' (who is),
καὶ ὁ ἦν καὶ ὁ **ἐρχόμενος**, and the one (who) was, and the one coming
ὁ παντοκράτωρ. (who is to come), the all-mighty. (Rev. 1:8)
7. Τάδε λέγει ὁ **κρατῶν** These things says the one holding
τοὺς ἑπτὰ ἀστέρας ἐν τῇ δεξιᾷ the seven stars in his right hand,
αὐτοῦ, ὁ **περιπατῶν** ἐν μέσῳ the one walking among (in the middle)
τῶν ἑπτὰ λυχνιῶν τῶν χρυσοῦν, . . . of the seven golden lamp-stands . . . (Rev. 2:1)
8. πεσοῦνται οἱ . . . πρεσβύτεροι ἐνώπιον The elders will fall down before
τοῦ **καθημένου** ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου the one seated on the throne
καὶ προσκυνήσουσιν τῷ **ζῶντι** and they will worship the one living (who lives)
εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰῶνων. for ever and ever. (Rev. 4:10)
9. Κἀγὼ Ἰωάννης ὁ **ἀκούων** And I, John, (am) the one hearing
καὶ **βλέπων** ταῦτα. and seeing these things. (Rev. 22:8)
10. ὁ **αἰτῶν** λαμβάνει The one asking (he who asks) will receive,
καὶ ὁ **ζητῶν** εὕρισκει and the one seeking (he who seeks) will find
καὶ τῷ **κρούοντι** ἀνοιγήσεται. and to the one knocking, it will be opened. (Matt. 7:8)

38.4 Sentences for reading and translation

1. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων.
(Matt. 14:21)
2. Τάδε λέγει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ θεοῦ, ὁ ἔχων τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ ὡς φλόγα πυρός.
(Rev. 2:18)
3. καὶ ὁ νικῶν καὶ ὁ τηρῶν ἄχρι τέλους τὰ ἔργα μου,
δώσω αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν ἐπὶ τῶν ἐθνῶν.
(Rev. 2:26)
4. ἐγὼ δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι . . . ὁ βλέπων γυναῖκα πρὸς τὸ ἐπιθυμῆσαι αὐτήν
ἤδη ἐμοίχευσε αὐτήν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ.
(Matt. 5:28)
(ἐπιθυμῆσαι is the Aorist Infinitive of ἐπιθυμέω - I lust for)
5. Οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχουσιν οἱ ἰσχύοντες ἰατροῦ ἀλλ' οἱ κακῶς ἔχοντες.
(Matt. 9:12)
6. οὐ γὰρ ὑμεῖς ἐστε οἱ λαλοῦντες
ἀλλὰ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ πατρὸς ὑμῶν τὸ λαλοῦν ἐν ὑμῖν.
(Matt. 10:20)
7. καὶ ἦν ἡμέρας τρεῖς μὴ βλέπων, καὶ οὐκ ἔφαγεν οὐδὲ ἔπιεν.
(Acts 9:9)
8. ἐπορεύετο γὰρ τὴν ὁδὸν αὐτοῦ χαίρων.
(Acts 8:39)
9. Μαρία ἦν πρὸς τῷ μνημείῳ κλαίουσα.
(see John 20:11)
10. ὁ Φίλιππος ἐπορεύετο ἐπὶ τὴν ὁδὸν τὴν καταβαίνουσαν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλήμ.
(see Acts 8:26)

38.5 Writing Practice : Write the Greek, while saying aloud (Matt. 5:6 - 8)

μακάριοι οἱ πεινῶντες καὶ διψῶντες τὴν δικαιοσύνην, ὅτι αὐτοὶ χορτασθήσονται.	Happy are the ones hungering and thirsting (for) righteousness for they shall be fed.
μακάριοι οἱ ἐλεήμονες, ὅτι αὐτοὶ ἐλεηθήσονται.	Happy are the ones showing mercy for they shall be shown mercy.
μακάριοι οἱ καθαροὶ τῇ καρδίᾳ, ὅτι αὐτοὶ τὸν θεὸν ὄψονται.	Happy are the clean in heart for they shall see God.

38.6 New Testament Passages for reading and translation : Matt. 7:13-14, Matt. 9:35-38

In your Greek New Testament, read the passages aloud several times until you can read them without long pauses or stumbling. Then use the translation helps to translate them.

εἰσελάτε	enter!	(Aorist Imperative of εἰσέρχομαι - I enter)
πλατεῖα	wide	(Feminine Nominative singular of πλατῦς , -τεία, -τι - broad)
εὐρύχωρος	spacious	(from εὐρύς - wide + χώρα - place)
πολλοί	many	(Masculine Nominative plural of πολὺς, πολλή, πολὺ - many)
τί	how!	
τεθλιμμένη	constricted	(Perfect Passive Participle of θλίβω - I press)
πάσας	all	(Feminine Accusative plural of πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν - each, every, all)
πᾶσαν	every	(Feminine Accusative singular of πᾶς, πᾶσα, παν - each, every, all)
ἰδὼν	"having seen" = when he saw	(Aorist Participle of ὁράω, ὄσσομαι, εἶδον I see)
ἐσπλαγχνίσθη	he was moved to compassion	(Aorist Passive of σπλαγχνίζομαι)
	"was hit in the guts"	(from τὸ σπλαγχνον - guts, inmost feelings)
ἐσκυλμένοι	harassed	(Perfect Passive Participle of σκύλλω - I flay)
ἐρριμμένοι	thrown down (helpless)	(Perfect Passive Participle of ῥίπτω - I throw)
πολύς	great, much, a lot	(Masc. Nominative singular of πολὺς, πολλή, πολὺ - many)
δεήθητε	beseech, beg, implore !	(an Imperative of δέομαι - I beseech, beg)
ἐκβάλῃ	he might put	(Aorist Subjunctive of ἐκβάλλω - I cast out)

38.7 Vocabulary to learn

ἀμφιβάλλω	I cast a fishing net	(from ἀμφί - both + βάλλω - I throw)
	(a circular net was thrown into the sea and then hauled in from both ends)	
δέομαι	I beseech, implore, beg	
θερίζω	I reap, harvest	
θλίβω	I press	
ἴδε	behold! look!	(an Imperative of ὀράω, ὄψομαι, εἶδον - I see)
κρούω	I knock	(at a door)
περιάγω	I go around	(from περί - around + ἄγω - I lead, go)
σπλαγχνίζομαι	I feel compassion	(from τὸ σπλάγχνον - guts, inmost feelings)
ἡ ἀκρίς, -ίδος	locust	
ὁ ἀμνός, -οῦ	lamb	
ἡ ἀπόλεια, -ας	destruction	(from ἀπόλλυμι - I destroy)
ὁ θερισμός, -οῦ	harvest	
ὁ ἰατρός, -οῦ	doctor, healer	(from ἰαόμαι - I heal)
ἡ λυχνία, -ας	lamp-stand	
ἡ μαλακία, -ας	sickness, weakness	
τὸ μέλι, -ιτος	honey	
τὸ σπλάγχνον, -ου	guts, inmost feelings	
ἡ χρεία, -ας	need	
ὁ χρυσός, -οῦ	gold, gold coin	
ἄγριος, -α, -ον	wild	(from ὁ ἀγρός - field)
πεντακισχίλιοι, -αι, -α	five thousand	
πέντε	five	(indeclinable)
στενός, -ή, -όν	narrow	
χίλιοι, -αι, -α	a thousand	
χρυσοῦς, -ῆ, -οῦν	golden, made of gold	
κακῶς	badly	(Adverb, from κακός - bad)
κακῶς ἔχω	I am ill, I have a sickness	
ὠσεῖ	about, approximately	
τάδε = τά δε	these things	(Accusative/Nominative Neuter plural Definite Article + δέ)