

Present and Aorist Active Participles

A Participle is a “verbal adjective” :

it is like a verb, in that it has Tense (past, present, perfect – future participles are rare in the NT) and like an adjective, in that it has to agree with the noun or pronoun which it qualifies (goes with) in Number (singular or plural), Case (Nominative, Accusative, etc.) and Gender.

1. the Present Participle Active and the Second Aorist Participle Active

eg. of βαλλω – βαλων βαλουσα βαλον)

Participles with endings –ων, –ουσα, –ον :

	Singular			Plural		
	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom.	–ων	–ουσα	–ον	–οντες	–ουσαι	–οντα
Acc.	–οντα	–ουσαν	–ον	–οντας	–ουσας	–οντα
Gen.	–οντος	–ουσης	–οντος	–οντων	–ουσων	–οντων
Dat.	–οντι	–ουση	–οντι	–ουσιν	–ουσαις	–ουσιν

	Singular			Plural		
	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom.	λεγων	λεγουσα	λεγον	λεγοντες	λεγουσαι	λεγοντα
Acc.	λεγοντα	λεγουσαν	λεγον	λεγοντας	λεγουσας	λεγοντα
Gen.	λεγοντος	λεγουσης	λεγοντος	λεγοντων	λεγουσων	λεγοντων
Dat.	λεγοντι	λεγουση	λεγοντι	λεγουσιν	λεγουσαις	λεγουσιν

2. the First Aorist Participle Active, with endings –ας –ασα –αν (λυσας – “having loosed”)

	Singular			Plural		
	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom.	λυ–σ–ας	λυ–σ–ασα	λυ–σ–αν	λυ–σ–αντες	λυ–σ–ασαι	λυ–σ–αντα
Acc.	λυ–σ–αντα	λυ–σ–ασαν	λυ–σ–αν	λυ–σ–αντας	λυ–σ–ασας	λυ–σ–αντα
Gen.	λυ–σ–αντος	λυ–σ–ασης	λυ–σ–αντος	λυ–σ–αντων	λυ–σ–ασων	λυ–σ–αντων
Dat.	λυ–σ–αντι	λυ–σ–αση	λυ–σ–αντι	λυ–σ–ασιν	λυ–σ–ασαις	λυ–σ–ασιν

Greek is like English and German, in that verbs make their past tenses in different ways –

“Weak” verbs have endings added to the stem, eg. I call, I called. Greek calls these “First Aorists”

“Strong” verbs alter the stem, eg. I bring, I brought. Greek calls these Second Aorists.

“Irregular” verbs use several stems, eg. I go, I went. NT Greek has about 6 such verbs.

Common Second Aorists : (the endings are the same as the Imperfect)

	Present	2nd Aorist	
I lead	ἄγω	ἤγαγον	I led
I sin	ἁμαρτανω	ἤμαρτον	I sinned
I die	ἀποθνησκω	ἄπεθανον	I died
I throw	βαλλω	ἔβαλον	I threw
I find	εὔρισκω	εὔρον	I found
I have	ἔχω	ἔσχον	I had
I leave	καταλειπω	κατελιπον	I left
I take	λαμβάνω	ἔλαβον	I took
I learn	μανθάνω	ἔμαθον	I learned
I suffer	πάσχω	ἔπαθον	I suffered
I drink	πίνω	ἔπιον	I drank
I fall	πίπτω	ἔπεσον	I fell
I flee	φεύγω	ἔφυγον	I fled

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