

# Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

## Grammar

### The Second Aorist Active and The Second Aorist Active Participle

**The Aorist implies a single or completed action.**

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

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

“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”.

**Second Aorists usually have a Stem which is one or two letters shorter than the Present Stem, or they may have a completely different stem.**

**Second Aorists use the same endings as the Imperfect.**

#### 1. the Second Aorist Active :

I threw	ἔβαλον	ἔβαλομεν	we threw
you threw	ἔβαλες	ἔβαλετε	you threw
he threw	ἔβαλεν	ἔβαλον	they threw

#### 2. the Second Aorist Participle Active

(endings same as Present Participle Active : -ων, -ουσα, -ον :

Singular	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural	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

eg. of βαλλω – βαλων βαλουσα βαλον (having thrown)

Singular	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Plural	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom.	βαλων	βαλουσα	βαλον		βαλοντες	βαλουσαι	βαλοντα
Acc.	βαλοντα	βαλουσαν	βαλον		βαλοντας	βαλουσας	βαλοντα
Gen.	βαλοντος	βαλουσης	βαλοντος		βαλοντων	βαλουσων	βαλοντων
Dat.	βαλοντι	βαλουση	βαλοντι		βαλουσιν	βαλουσαις	βαλουσιν

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

Present	2nd Aorist	Present	2nd Aorist
I lead ἄγω	ἤγαγον	I come/go ἔρχομαι	ἦλθον
I sin ἁμαρτανω	ἤμαρτον	I eat ἔσθιω	ἔφαγον
I die ἀποθνησκω	ἀπέθανον	I say λεγω	εἶπον
I throw βαλλω	ἔβαλον	I see ὀραω	εἶδον
I find εύρισκω	εύρον	I run τρεχω	ἔδραμον
I have ἔχω	ἔσχον	I carry φερω	ἤνεγκα
I leave καταλειπω	κατελιπον		
I take λαμβανω	ἔλαβον		
I learn μανθανω	ἔμαθον		
I suffer πασχω	ἔπαθον		
I drink πινω	ἔπιον		
I fall πιπτω	ἔπεσον		
I flee φευγω	ἔφυγον		