

Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

Grammar

The Present Indicative Active of the Regular Verb

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

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

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