

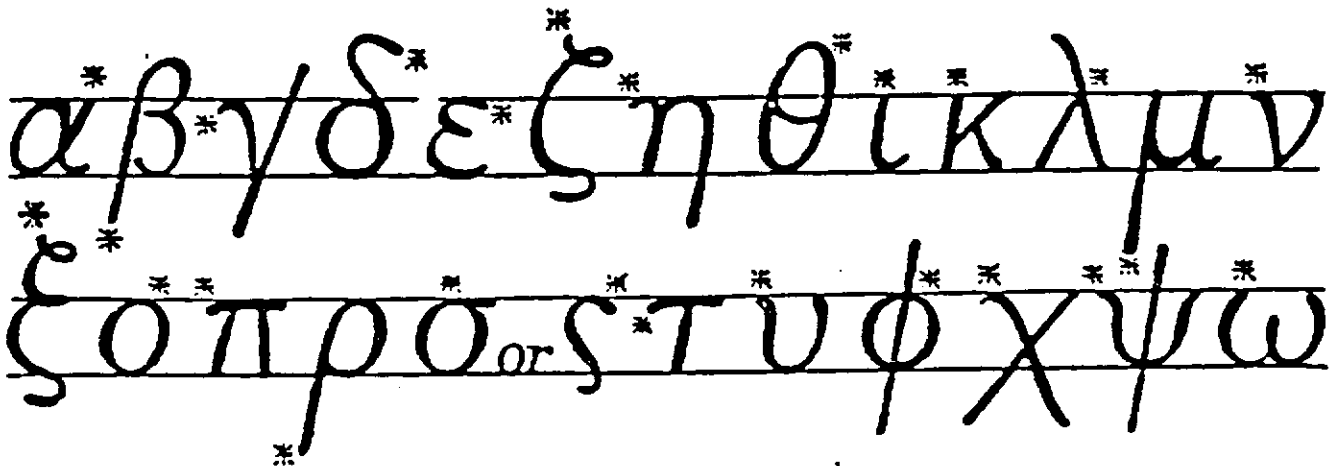
Lesson 1

The Alphabet, αλφα-βητα

Lower Case	Letter Name	Pronounced as in	Upper Case
α	άλφα	<u>f</u> ather	A
β	βήτα	<u>v</u> ictor	B
γ	γάμμα	(Spanish) Aragon	Γ
δ	δέλτα	<u>t</u> his	Δ
ε	έψιλον	<u>s</u> et	E
ζ	ζήτα	<u>z</u> eal	Z
η	ήτα	<u>p</u> olice	H
θ	θητα	<u>t</u> hick	Θ
ι	ιώτα	<u>p</u> olice	I
κ	κάππα	<u>k</u> in	K
λ	λάμδα	<u>l</u> et	Λ
μ	μῦ	<u>m</u> et	M
ν	νῦ	<u>n</u> et	N
ξ	ξι	<u>b</u> acks	Ξ
ο	όμικρον	<u>o</u> ffice, <u>a</u> w	O
π	πι	<u>e</u> pic	Π
ρ	ρῶ	slightly trilled <u>r</u>	P
σ	σίγμα	<u>s</u> uch	Σ
τ	ς (final position σιγμα) ταῦ	<u>t</u> ar	T

υ	ύψιλον	police	Υ
φ	φί	field	Φ
χ	χί	hue (a guttural)	Χ
ψ	ψί	lapse	Ψ
ω	ωμέγα	office, <u>aw</u>	Ω

How to Write Greek.—Draw a double line across the paper, and practise writing the letters thus:—



It is best to begin making the letter at the point indicated by the asterisk. Nearly all the letters can be made without lifting the pen from the paper.

Groups of Letters

αι	pronounced "eh," as in <u>set</u>
η, η̄, ι, υ ει, οι, υι	all pronounced "ee," as in <u>police</u>
ου	pronounced "oo," as in <u>root</u>
αυ	before vowels and before λ, μ, ν, ρ (<u>laminar</u>), pronounced "ahv"
αυ	before other consonants, pronounced, "ahf"
ευ	before vowels and before λ, μ, ν, ρ (<u>laminar</u>), pronounced "ehv"
ευ	before other consonants pronounced, "ehf"
ο, ω and ω̄	all have the same sound, short "aw," as in <u>office</u>
γγ	pronounced "ng" as in <u>finger</u>

Punctuation

The following marks of punctuation are found in Greek texts:

⋅	period	⋮	semicolon
⋸	comma	⋮	question mark

Accents

The three different Greek accents, acute (´), grave (`), and circumflex (ˆ), will be regarded as having equal force, they will all indicate the accented, stressed, syllable of a word.