

### The Greek Alphabet (3.2)

(To replace the chart in Mounce 8-9)

English Name	Greek Name	Translit.	Upper Case (majuscule)	Lower Case (minuscule)	Reconstructed Koine Pronunciation
Alpha	ἄλφα	<i>a</i>	A	α	<i>a</i> as in <u>a</u> we or <u>f</u> ather
Beta ( <i>Veta</i> )	βῆτα	<i>b</i>	B	β	<i>v</i> as in <u>H</u> ayana, <u>v</u> oice or <u>D</u> avid
G(h)amma	γάμμα	<i>g</i>	Γ	γ	<i>gh</i> as in <u>gh</u> astly or <u>ugh</u> ; <i>y</i> as in <u>y</u> ield before <i>e</i> & <i>i</i> vowels (ι, ε, η)
D(h)elta	δέλτα	<i>d</i>	Δ	δ	<i>th</i> as in <u>th</u> is or <i>dh</i> as in <u>Dh</u> arma
Epsilon	ἒ ψιλόν	<i>e</i>	E	ε	<i>e</i> as in <u>met</u> or <u>pen</u>
Zeta	ζῆτα	<i>z</i>	Z	ζ	<i>z</i> as in <u>daze</u>
Eta	ἦτα	<i>ē</i>	H	η	<i>e</i> as in <u>obey</u>
Theta	θῆτα	<i>th</i>	Θ	θ	<i>th</i> as in <u>enth</u> usiasm or <u>moth</u>
Iota	ἰῶτα	<i>i</i>	I	ι	<i>ee</i> as in <u>feet</u>
Kappa	κάππα	<i>k</i>	K	κ	<i>k</i> as in <u>ske</u> et or <u>ke</u> ep
Lambda	λάμβδα	<i>l</i>	Λ	λ	<i>l</i> as in <u>l</u> aw or <u>l</u> ip
Mu	μῦ	<i>m</i>	M	μ	<i>m</i> as in <u>m</u> ew or <u>m</u> other
Nu	νῦ	<i>n</i>	N	ν	<i>n</i> as in <u>n</u> ew
Xi	ξῖ	<i>x</i>	Ξ	ξ	<i>ks</i> as in <u>ask</u> s
Omicron	ὀ μικρόν	<i>o</i>	O	ο	<i>o</i> as in <u>tone</u>
Pi	πί	<i>p</i>	Π	π	<i>p</i> as in <u>p</u> each or <u>skip</u>
Rho	ῥῶ	<i>r</i>	P	ρ	<i>r</i> as in <u>r</u> od
Sigma	σίγμα	<i>s</i>	Σ	σ/ς	<i>s</i> as in <u>s</u> tudy
Tau ( <i>Tav</i> )	ταῦ	<i>t</i>	T	τ	<i>t</i> as in <u>t</u> alk
Upsilon	ῦ ψιλόν	<i>u/y</i>	Υ	υ	<i>ew</i> as in <u>mew</u> ; German <i>ü</i>
Phi	φῖ	<i>ph</i>	Φ	φ	<i>ph</i> as in <u>ph</u> one
Chi	χῖ	<i>ch</i>	Χ	χ	<i>ch</i> as in <u>loch</u> or <i>kh</i> as in <u>kh</u> aki
Psi	ψῖ	<i>ps</i>	Ψ	ψ	<i>ps</i> as in <u>lips</u>
Omega	ὦ μέγα	<i>ō</i>	Ω	ω	<i>o</i> as in <u>tone</u>

### Pronouncing Diphthongs (3.5)

(To replace the chart in Mounce 10-11)

Diphthong	Vowel Equivalent	Reconstructed Koine Pronunciation	Greek Example
αι	ε	<i>e</i> as in <u>met</u>	χαίρειν ( <i>kereen</i> )
ει	ι	<i>ee</i> as in <u>feet</u>	χαίρειν ( <i>kereen</i> )
οι	υ	<i>ew</i> as in <u>mew</u> ; German <i>ü</i>	οἴκους ( <i>ewkous</i> )
ου	-	<i>ou</i> as in <u>soup</u>	οἴκους ( <i>ewkous</i> )
υι	-	<i>ui</i> as in <u>suite</u>	υῖός ( <i>hweeohs</i> )
αυ	-	<i>av</i> as in <u>Ave</u> Maria, or <i>af</i> as in <u>after</u> before (π, τ, κ, φ, θ, χ)	αὐτός ( <i>af-tos</i> )
ευ	-	<i>ev</i> as in <u>ev</u> angelistic, or <i>ef</i> before (π, τ, κ, φ, θ, χ)	εὐαγγέλιον ( <i>evangelion</i> )
ηυ	-	<i>av</i> as in <u>knave</u> , or <i>ehf</i> before (π, τ, κ, φ, θ, χ)	(uncommon)

#### Sources:

\*The Reconstructed Koine pronunciation presented here is based on the system defended by Randall Buth in *Living Koine Greek: Part One* (2nd ed.; Jerusalem: Biblical Language Center, 2008) and “Notes on the Pronunciation System of Phonemic Koine Greek” ([http://biblicalulpan.org/PDF%20Files/PRONSYS1\\_US.pdf](http://biblicalulpan.org/PDF%20Files/PRONSYS1_US.pdf)).

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