

Greek Lower Case Letters

a = α = ah as in father (alpha)

b = β (beta)

c, ch = χ = c as in catch (chi ie key)

δ = d (delta)

ϵ = e (epsilon)

ϕ = f, ph (pi ie fee)

γ = g as in goose (never as in giant) (gamma, a fatal ray)

` = h the accent is before a leading vowel. Ignore other accents.

ι = i as in pit or pete (iota ie eeota)

j (no j)

κ = k (kappa, a kind of sushi)

λ = l (lambda)

μ = m (mu, what a cow says)

ν = n (nu as in not old)

o = o as in hot (omicrom)

ω = \bar{o} as in omega (omega)

π = p (pi ie pee)

q (no q)

ρ = r (rho)

σ , ς = s. The second character is for sentence end. (sigma)

τ = t (tau)

υ = u as in juice or like "ih" or like French u. (upsilon)

v (no v)

w = w

ξ = x (xi ie ksee))

y (no y)

ζ = z (zeta, middle name of a famous actress)

Wierdos

η = ay or ah or uh (eta)

θ = th (theta)

ψ = ps (psi)

Diphthongs

$\alpha\iota$ = eye

$\epsilon\iota$ = aye

$\omicron\upsilon$ = oo as in moon.

$\omicron\iota$ = oy

Exercises

θε ραιν ιν σπαιν λιεσ μαινλι ον θε πλαιν

υι δοντ υε δο ιτ ιν θε ροαδ?

υνδερ θε σπρεαδινγ χεστυντ τρεε θε υιλαγε σμιθι στανδς

’ου δο ιου βυιλδ α βαρν? υιθ ναιλς ανδ υοοδ ανδ συεατινγ γοοδ

υωε το ιου χαπερναυμ! βεθσαιδα!

Links

typing program <http://greek.typeit.org/>

alphabet charts <http://livingwaterbiblegames.com/greek-alphabet-chart.html>

there are a number of free online courses in koine Greek

https://www.is888.info/course_Adobe/course-acrobat.php

Assignments

Take Genesis 1 in the Septuagint Greek. Write the whole chapter as many times as you can to get your own writing style. Pretty soon you'll write in Greek and think in Greek.

Read Genesis 1 in the Septuagint Greek with the recording. Read it as many times as you can. Then take away the recording and read it as many times as you can.

Look at an interlinear online. Genesis 1 has a lot of repeated words and phrases. Pick them out and learn what they mean. Write them in Greek script and translate them.

You do these things and you are through the worst of it. But when you are through, you will feel a new confidence because you will be able to **WRITE IN A DIFFERENT ALPHABET FLUENTLY**. Write your English diary using Greek letters. **NOBODY WILL BE ABLE TO READ IT** but us.