

Greek was one of the subjects students learned in a Roman school. They would start by learning the letters of the alphabet and the correct pronunciation.

Greek letter	Greek name	English equivalent
A α	alpha	a
B β	beta	b
Γ γ	gamma	g (good)
Δ δ	delta	d
E ε	epsilon	ě (get)
Z ζ	zeta	z (wisdom)
H η	eta	ē (hair)
Θ θ	theta	th
I ι	iota	i
K κ	kappa	k
Λ λ	lambda	l
M μ	mu	m

Greek letter	Greek name	English equivalent
N ν	nu	n
Ξ ξ	xi	x
O ο	omicron	ō (got)
Π π	pi	p
P ρ	rho	r
Σ σ ς	sigma	s ς for end of words
T τ	tau	t
Υ υ	upsilon	u
Φ φ	phi	ph
X χ	chi	ch (chorus)
Ψ ψ	psi	ps
Ω ω	omega	ō (show)

There is no letter “h” in Greek. It really isn’t a sound, just a breath, so the Greeks used a breath mark to indicate “h.” For example, ὁδος is pronounced “hodos.” On the other hand, words that begin with a vowel but lack the “h” breath are marked with a reversed mark, e.g. ἐν, which is pronounced “en.” Using your new found knowledge of Greek, transcribe the following words and names into the Roman/English alphabet. You may need to tweak the spelling a little bit. Other symbols you may see are ` , ´ , ^ , which are accent marks and do not affect spelling.

1. Ἀθηνᾶ \_\_\_\_\_
2. ψυχολογία \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ἀπόλλω \_\_\_\_\_
4. χαρακτηρ \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ἄρης \_\_\_\_\_
6. φιλοσοφία \_\_\_\_\_
7. Ἄρτεμις \_\_\_\_\_
8. Ποσειδῶν \_\_\_\_\_
9. ἄσθμα \_\_\_\_\_
10. Ἀφροδίτη \_\_\_\_\_
11. πάνθηρ \_\_\_\_\_
12. Ἀχιλλεύς \_\_\_\_\_
13. ὀρχήστρα \_\_\_\_\_
14. Δημήτηρ \_\_\_\_\_
15. ὀρίζων \_\_\_\_\_
16. Διόνυσος \_\_\_\_\_
17. δράμα \_\_\_\_\_
18. νήκταρ \_\_\_\_\_
19. Ἑρμῆς \_\_\_\_\_
20. Μέδουσα \_\_\_\_\_
21. καταστροφή \_\_\_\_\_
22. μανία \_\_\_\_\_
23. Ἴρις \_\_\_\_\_
24. Ζεύς \_\_\_\_\_
25. ἦχώ \_\_\_\_\_
26. Ἥρα \_\_\_\_\_
27. Ἡρακλῆς \_\_\_\_\_