

MODERN GREEK PRONUNCIATION

| | lower case | Upper case | Letter Name | Pronunciation |
|----|------------|------------|-------------------|--|
| 1 | α | A | alpha (άλφα) | a as in <i>father</i> |
| 2 | β | B | beta (βήτα) | v as in <i>very</i> |
| 3 | γ | Γ | gamma (γάμμα) | soft g (like Spanish <i>g</i> in <i>amigo</i>), before e/i sounds like <i>y</i> in <i>yes</i> |
| 4 | δ | Δ | delta (δέλτα) | th as in <i>this</i> |
| 5 | ε | E | epsilon (έψιλον) | e as in <i>met</i> |
| 6 | ζ | Z | zeta (ζήτα) | z as in <i>zoo</i> |
| 7 | η | H | eta (ήτα) | ee as in <i>see</i> |
| 8 | θ | Θ | theta (θήτα) | th as in <i>think</i> |
| 9 | ι | I | iota (ιώτα) | ee as in <i>see</i> |
| 10 | κ | K | kappa (κάππα) | k as in <i>kite</i> |
| 11 | λ | Λ | lambda (λάμδα) | l as in <i>lamp</i> |
| 12 | μ | M | mu (μι) | m as in <i>man</i> |
| 13 | ν | N | nu (νι) | n as in <i>no</i> |
| 14 | ξ | Ξ | xi (ξι) | ks as in <i>box</i> |
| 15 | ο | O | omicron (όμικρον) | o as in <i>off</i> |
| 16 | π | Π | pi (πι) | p as in <i>pen</i> |
| 17 | ρ | P | rho (ρο) | rolled r (Spanish-style) |
| 18 | σ / ς | Σ | sigma (σίγμα) | s as in <i>see</i> (ς used at word end) |
| 19 | τ | T | tau (ταυ) | t as in <i>top</i> |
| 20 | υ | Υ | upsilon (ύψιλον) | ee as in <i>see</i> |
| 21 | φ | Φ | phi (φι) | f as in <i>fine</i> |
| 22 | χ | X | chi (χι) | hard h (Scottish <i>loch</i>), before e/i softer like German <i>ich</i> |
| 23 | ψ | Ψ | psi (ψι) | ps as in <i>lips</i> |
| 24 | ω | Ω | omega (ωμέγα) | o as in <i>note</i> (shorter in modern speech) |

Modern Greek Diphthongs (Vowel Combinations) Table formatted for easy study:

| | Lower Case | Upper Case | Name | Pronunciation | Example | Meaning |
|----|------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|---------|---------|
| 25 | αι | AI | ai | e as in <i>met</i> | και | and |
| 26 | ει | EI | ei | ee as in <i>see</i> | είναι | is |
| 27 | οι | OI | oi | ee as in <i>see</i> | όλοι | all |
| 28 | υι | YI | yi (rare) | ee as in <i>see</i> | υιός | son |
| 29 | ου | OY | ou | oo as in <i>food</i> | ουρανός | sky |

Common Double Consonants (Consonant Combinations) in Modern Greek

| | Lower Case | Upper Case Name | | Pronunciation | Example | Meaning |
|----|------------|-----------------|----|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 30 | μπ | ΜΠ | mp | b at beginning; mb in middle | μπαίνω | I enter |
| 31 | ντ | ΝΤ | nt | d at beginning; nd in middle | ντομάτα | tomato |
| 32 | γκ | ΓΚ | gk | g at beginning; ng in middle | γκολ | goal |
| 33 | γγ | ΓΓ | ng | ng as in <i>sing</i> | άγγελος | angel |
| 34 | τσ | ΤΣ | ts | ts as in <i>cats</i> | τσάι | tea |
| 35 | τζ | ΤΖ | tz | dz / j as in <i>jam</i> | τζάμι | glass |
| 36 | αυ | ΑΥ | au | av before voiced; af before voiceless | αυτό | this |
| 37 | ευ | ΕΥ | eu | ev before voiced; ef before voiceless | ευρώ | euro |
| 38 | ηυ (rare) | ΗΥ | iu | iv/if (same rule as αυ/ευ) | ηύρα (archaic) | I found |