

The Erasmian Pronunciations of the Greek Alphabet

	<u>Lower case</u>	<u>Upper case</u>	<u>English Equivalent</u>	<u>Letter Name</u>	<u>Pronounced As</u>
1.	α or α	A	a	ἀλφα.....alpha (ahl-fah)	a, in <u>father</u>
2.	β	B or β	b	βῆτα.....Bēta (bay-tah)	b, in <u>bar</u> or <u>ball</u>
3.	γ or γ	Γ	g	γάμμα.....Gamma (gahm-ma)	g, in <u>gutter</u> or <u>gone</u>
4.	δ	Δ	d	δέλτα.....Delta (dell-tah)	d, in <u>dust</u> or <u>dog</u>
5.	ε	E	e	έψιλον.....Epsilon (ep-sih-lawn)	e, in <u>met</u>
6.	ζ	Ζ	z or dz	ζήτα.....Zēta (dzay-tah)	dz, in <u>dozed</u>
7.	η	Η	ē	ήτα.....Ēta (ay-tah)	a, in <u>late</u> or e, in <u>they</u>
8.	θ or ϑ	Θ or ϑ	th	θῆτα.....Thēta (thay-tah)	th, in <u>thunder</u> or <u>throne</u>
9.	ι	I	i or y or j	ἰῶτα.....Iota (ee-oh-tah)	i, in <u>machine</u> or <u>marine</u>
10.	κ or κ	K	k or c	κάππα.....Kappa (cop-ah)	k, in <u>karate</u> or <u>king</u>
11.	λ	Λ	l	λάμβδα.....Lambda (lahm-dah)	l, in <u>love</u> or <u>long</u>
12.	μ	Μ	m	μῦ.....Mu (moo)	m, in <u>mother</u>
13.	ν	Ν	n	νῦ.....Nu (new)	n, in <u>nothing</u>
14.	ξ	Ξ or ξ	x	ξῖ.....Xi (ksee)	x, in <u>box</u> or <u>ks</u> as in <u>asks</u>
15.	ο	Ο	o	ομικρον....Omicron (au-mih-crawn)	o, in <u>dog</u> or <u>log</u>
16.	π	Π	p	πῖ.....Pi (pea, pie)	p, in <u>puffs</u> or <u>pea</u>
17.	ρ	Ρ	r or rh	ῥῶ.....Rho (hrow)	h & r, in <u>her</u>
18.	σ, s	Σ	s	σίγμα.....Sigma (sig-mah)	s, in <u>gent</u> or <u>sign</u>
19.	τ	Τ	t	ταῦ.....Tau (rhyme with "how")	t, in <u>ten</u>
20.	υ	Υ or γ	y or v or u	ύψιλον.....Upsilon (oop-sih-lawn)	ew, in <u>new</u>
21.	φ or ϕ or φ	Φ	ph	φῖ.....Phi (fee)	ph, in <u>phone</u>
22.	χ	Χ	ch	χῖ.....Chi (key)	ch, in <u>Bach</u>
23.	ψ	Ψ	ps	ψῖ.....Psi (psee)	Ps, (initial) in <u>Psalms</u>
24.	ω	Ω	ō	ὦμεγά.....Omega (oh-may-gah)	Ps, (medial or final) in <u>lips</u>
					o, in <u>only</u>

The Erasmian Pronunciations of Greek Vowels and Diphthongs

- I. The Greek vowels are: α , ε , η , ι , \o , υ , ω .
(note: think of the English vowels and then add η and ω)
- II. A diphthong is a combination of two vowels producing one sound and one syllable. The seven common Greek diphthongs are:
 1. $\alpha\iota$ = pronounced "I" as ai in aisle.
 2. $\alpha\upsilon$ = pronounced "au" as au in auction (ow).
 3. $\varepsilon\iota$ = pronounced "A" as ei in eight.
 4. $\varepsilon\upsilon$ = pronounced "you" as eu in neuter.
 5. $\o\iota$ = pronounced "oi" as oi in oil, foil.
 6. $\o\upsilon$ = pronounced "oo" as oo, as in food, or ou as in youth.
 7. $\upsilon\iota$ = pronounced "we" as hee as in queen.

Note: The strong's Concordance does not pronounce " $\alpha\iota$ " a diphthong, and " $\varepsilon\iota$ " is pronounced " ι " instead of " α ".