

FORMING THE VERB TENSES¹

THE INDICATIVE SYSTEM

PRESENT/PROGRESSIVE

Present Active Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| - | Present (1st) | - | ο/ε | Primary Act. | λύω |

Present Middle/Passive Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| - | Present (1st) | - | ο/ε | Primary Pass. | λύομαι |

IMPERFECT

Imperfect Active Indicate

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Present (1st) | - | ο/ε | Secondary Act. | ἔλυον |

Remember that augments attached to stems that begin with vowels will typically lengthen the vowel of the stem.

Imperfect Middle/Passive Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Present (1st) | - | ο/ε | Secondary Pass. | ἐλύομην |

See above.

FUTURE

Future Active Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| - | Future Active (2nd) | σ | ο/ε | Primary Active | λύσω |

The future stem is often identical to that of the present. However, often the present stem is irregular, and in such cases the future will often follow the original root. Also note that when σ is attached to various stops (labials, dentals, and velars) the consonants will frequently contract into sibilants or drop out entirely.

Future Middle Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| - | Future Active (2nd) | σ | ο/ε | Primary Pass. | λύσομαι |

See above.

¹ Modified from Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek* and Rob Dalrymple's class lectures.

Future Passive Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| - | Aorist Passive (6th) | θησ | ο/ε | Primary Pass. | λυθήσομαι |

The future passive uses the stem of the aorist passive (see above), but unaugmented and with a different tense formative. Some verbs drop the θ of the tense formative.

AORIST

First Aorist Active Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Aorist Active (3rd) | σα (σε in 3 rd sg.) | - | Secondary Active | ἔλυσα |

As with the imperfect, the vowel on a vowel-initial stem will (typically) lengthen when it receives the augment. The aorist active stem of first-aorist verbs is typically identical to the present stem, but can vary. The ending of the 1st Pers. Sing. drops off.

First Aorist Middle Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Aorist Active (3rd) | σα | - | Secondary Pass. | ἐλύσαμην |

See above. In the 2nd sing. the σ in the ending (-σο) drops and contracts with the α of the tense formative, producing ω.

Second Aorist Active Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Aorist Active (3rd) | - | ο/ε | Secondary Act. | ἔλιπον |

The aorist stem for 2nd aorist verbs, unlike for 1st aorist verbs, is impossible to predict, but will usually have “some” resemblance to the present progressive. Be careful to distinguish between 2nd aorist verbs and the imperfect—though they have the same endings, the latter uses the present progressive stem of the verb.

Second Aorist Middle Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Aorist Active (3rd) | - | ο/ε | Secondary Pass. | ἐλιπόμην |

Aorist Passive Indicative

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|----------------------------|
| ἐ | Aorist Passive (6th) | θη | - | Secondary Active (-σαν for 3 rd plur.) | ἐλιπόμην |

The aorist passive stem is the fifth principle part, and is usually the same as the present tense form—if not, then it will usually follow the second aorist pattern. The tense formative is almost invariable (some verbs drop the θ) and unique (especially the η); it is therefore extremely helpful in recognizing the aorist

(and future) passives. The 3rd person plural ending is an alternative form and should be distinguished from the future passive tense formative.

| PERFECT | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Perfect Active Indicative | | | | | |
| Reduplication | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
| λε | Perfect Active (4th) | κα (α) | -- | Primary Act. | λέλυκα |

| Perfect Middle/Passive Indicative | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Reduplication | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
| λε | Perfect M/P (5 th) | -- | -- | Primary Pass. | λέλυμαι |

| THE PARTICIPLES | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|--------|--|
| PROGRESSIVE | | | | | |
| Progressive Active Participle | | | | | |
| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
| Present (1st) | - | ο | ντ ουσα | 3-1-3 | λύων, λύουσα, λῦον λύοντος, λυούσης, λύντος |

| Progressive Middle/Passive Participle | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
| Present (1st) | - | ο | μενο μενη | 2-1-2 | λυόμενος, λυόμενη, λυόμενον |

| AORIST | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|--------|--|
| First Aorist Active Participle | | | | | |
| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
| Aorist (3rd) | σα | -- | ντ ουσα | 3-1-3 | λύσας, λύσασα, λύσαν λύσαντος, λύσασης, ... |

| First Aorist Middle Participle | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------------|
| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
| Aorist (3rd) | σα | -- | μενο μενη | 2-1-2 | λυσάμενος, λυσάμενη, λυσάμενον |

| Second Aorist Active Participle | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------|--------|---|
| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
| Aorist (3rd) | -- | ο | ντ ουσα | 3-1-3 | ιδών, ιδούσα, ιδόν ιδόντος, ιδούσης, ιδόντος |

The second aorist participle is built off the aorist stem of the verb. Remember, however, that only indicatives receive the augment; therefore, the participial form will not have an augment (and will thus

look slightly different than the third principle part). The second aorist endings are formed like that of the progressive participle.

Second Aorist Middle Participle

| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Aorist (3rd) | -- | ο | μενο μενη | 2-1-2 | ιδόμενος, ιδόμενη, ιδόμενον |

First Aorist Passive Participle

| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------|---|
| Aorist Passive (6th) | θε | -- | ντ ισα | 3-1-3 | λυθείς, λυθείσα, λυθέν λυθέντος, λυθείσης, ... |

Second Aorist Passive Participle

| Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Ending | First Forms |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--|
| Aorist Passive (6th) | ε | -- | ντ ισα | 3-1-3 | γράφεις, γραφείσα, γράφεν γραφέντος, γραφείσης, ... |

PERFECT

Perfect Active Participle

| Reduplication | Stem | Tense Formative | Morpheme | Endings | First Forms |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------|---|
| λε | Perfect Active (4th) | α (or none) | οτ υια | 3-1-3 | λελυκώς, λελυκυῖα, λελυκός, λελυκότος, ... |

Perfect Middle/Passive Participle

| Reduplication | Stem | Tense Formative | Morpheme | Endings | First Forms |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| λε | Perfect M/P (5th) | -- | μενο μενη | 2-1-2 | λελυμένος, λελυμένη, λελυμένον |

THE SUBJUNCTIVE

PROGRESSIVE

Present Active Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| - | Present (1st) | -- | ω/η | Primary Act. | λύω |

Present Middle/Passive Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| - | Present (1st) | -- | ω/η | Primary Pass. | λύομαι |

AORIST

First Aorist Active Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------------------------|
|---------|------|-------|-------------|--------|----------------------------|

| | | | | | |
|---|--------------|------------------|-----|--------------|------|
| | | Formative | | | |
| - | Aorist (3rd) | σ | ω/η | Primary Act. | λύσω |

First Aorist Middle Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| - | Aorist (3rd) | σ | ω/η | Primary Pass. | λύσωμαι |

Second Aorist Active Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| - | Aorist (3rd) | -- | ω/η | Primary Act. | λίπω |

Second Aorist Middle Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| - | Aorist (3rd) | -- | ω/η | Primary Pass. | λίπωμαι |

Aorist Passive Subjunctive

| Augment | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Ending | 1 st Pers. Sing |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| - | Aorist Passive (6th) | θ (or none) | ω/η | Primary Act. | λυθῶ |

THE INFINITIVES

PROGRESSIVE

The Progressive Infinitives

| Voice | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Active | Present (1st) | -- | -- | -ειν | λύειν |
| Middle | | | | -εσθαι | λύεσθαι |
| Passive | | | | -εσθαι | λύεσθαι |

AORIST

The First Aorist Infinitives

| Voice | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Active | Aorist (3rd) | -- | -- | -σαι | λύσαι |
| Middle | | | | -σασθαι | λύσασθαι |
| Passive | | | | -θηναι | λωθῆναι |

The Second Aorist Infinitives

| Voice | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Active | Aorist (3rd) | -- | -- | -ειν | λίπειν |
| Middle | | | | -εσθαι | λίπεσθαι |
| Passive | | | | -ηναι | λειφθῆναι |

PERFECT

Perfect Infinitives

| Voice | Reduplication | Stem | Tense Formative | Morpheme | Form |
|---------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Active | λε | Perfect Active (4th) | κε | -ναι | λελυκέναι |
| Middle | | | -- | -σθαι | λελύσθαι |
| Passive | | | | | |

THE IMPERATIVES

PRESENT

Present Active Imperatives

| Person/Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 2s | Present (1st) | -- | ε | -- | λϋε |
| 3s | | | | τω | λυέτω |
| 2p | | | | τε | λύετε |
| 3p | | | | τωσαν | λυέτωσαν |

Present Middle/Passive Imperatives

| Person/Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2s | Present (1st) | -- | ε | σο | λύου |
| 3s | | | | σθω | λυέσθω |
| 2p | | | | σθε | λύεσθε |
| 3p | | | | σθωσαν | λυέσθωσαν |

AORIST

First Aorist Active Imperatives

| Person/Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2s | Aorist (3rd) | σα | ε | -- | λϋσον |
| 3s | | | | τω | λυσάτω |
| 2p | | | | τε | λύσατε |
| 3p | | | | τωσαν | λυσάτωσαν |

First Aorist Middle Imperatives

| Person/Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| 2s | Aorist (3rd) | σα | -- | σο | λϋσαι |
| 3s | | | | σθω | λυσάσθω |
| 2p | | | | σθε | λύσασθε |
| 3p | | | | σθωσαν | λυσάσθωσαν |

First Aorist Passive Imperatives

| Person/ Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2s | Aorist Passive (6th) | θη | -- | -- | λύθητι |
| 3s | | | | τω | λυθήτω |
| 2p | | | | τε | λύθητε |
| 3p | | | | τωσαν | λυθήτωσαν |

Second Aorist Active Imperatives

| Person/ Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2s | Aorist (3 rd) | -- | ε | -- | βάλε |
| 3s | | | | τω | βαλέτω |
| 2p | | | | τε | βάλετε |
| 3p | | | | τωσαν | βαλέτωσαν |

Second Aorist Middle Imperatives

| Person/ Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|-------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| 2s | Aorist (3 rd) | -- | ε | -- | βαλοῦ |
| 3s | | | | σθω | βαλέσθω |
| 2p | | | | σθε | βάλεσθε |
| 3p | | | | σθωσαν | βαλέσθωσαν |

Second Aorist Passive Imperatives

| Person/ Number | Stem | Tense Formative | Theme Vowel | Morpheme | Form |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|------------|
| 2s | Aorist Passive (6th) | η | -- | -- | γράφητι |
| 3s | | | | τω | γραφήτω |
| 2p | | | | τε | γράφητε |
| 3p | | | | τωσαν | γραφήτωσαν |