

## Classical Greek Assignment 13

- The Greek quotation to memorize this week is from the *Apology* by Plato in which the philosopher quotes Socrates: ἔν οἶδα ὅτι οὐδὲν οἶδα. It means literally, *One thing I know, that I know nothing*. When we search for truth about a matter, it is good to begin at that position of humility. The Socratic method of investigation involves asking questions that reveal the issues underpinning our differing positions on the nature of truth or reality. Socrates' statement, however, might lead one to take on the position of complete skepticism—we can never know anything. This position of total skepticism was countered by the 17th-century philosopher

ἔν οἶδα ὅτι οὐδὲν οἶδα

One      I know      that      nothing      I know  
(thing)



Descartes in his *Meditations on First Philosophy*. He said *Cogito ergo sum*, or *I think therefore I am*, essentially saying that *No, at the very least I can know that I exist*. Other knowledge can be built on this foundational assertion.

- We are now moving onto another tense, called the *imperfect*. In English, we translate it into what we the *past progressive*. The simple past would be “I washed.” The past progressive would be was (or were) washing.

### *Singular*

### *Plural*

<p>1. ἔ-λου-ο-ν, <i>I was wash- ing</i></p>	<p>ἔ-λού-ο-μεν, <i>we were wash- ing</i></p>
<p>2. ἔ-λου-ε-ς, <i>you were washing</i></p>	<p>ἔ-λού-ε-τε, <i>ye were wash- ing</i></p>
<p>3. ἔ-λου-ε, <i>he was wash- ing</i></p>	<p>ἔ-λου-ο-ν, <i>they were washing</i></p>

- Memorize the following vocabulary:

<p>αἶρω, <i>I take up, bear</i></p> <p>βαπτίζω, <i>I baptize</i></p> <p>ἐσθίω, <i>I eat</i></p> <p>κράζω, <i>I cry out</i></p>	<p>μέλλω, <i>I am about (or go- ing) to do some- thing</i></p> <p>μένω, <i>I remain</i></p>
--	---

- Complete the following translations, from Greek to English (I) and English to Greek (2).

**I. 1. έμένετε, έκραζε, έβαλλες. 2. ηύρίσκομεν, έπίστευον, ήκουε. 3. έμενον έν τώ οίκω. 4. τó τέκνον έβαλλε λίθους. 5. ó κύριος έσωζε τούς άνθρώπους. 6. οί άπόστολοι έκήρυσσε τόν λόγον.**

**II. 1. You were saying. 2. They were eating the bread. 3. The teacher was sending garments for the children. 4. He was taking up the child from the boat. 5. The men were leading the servants into the house.**

- Take the practice test.
- Read the following from Herodotus about the Battle of Thermopylae, edited by yours truly. Those who were in my Foundations class may remember reading this passage.
- Read chapters 80–85 of **Guerber's *Story of the Greeks***.