Latin puella (1st declension, girl)

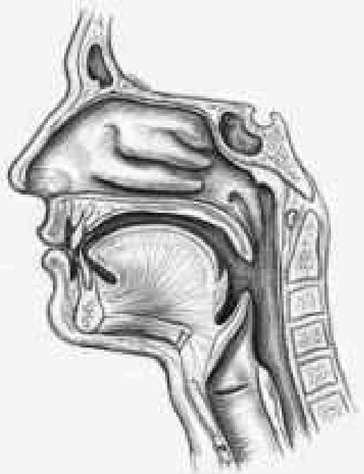
Greek 1st declension

Nouns ending in -a (Long alpha)



hēmera (dā)

Nouns ending in -ē (Eta)



phōnē (voicē)

Endings are as regular as the second declension.
Variations depend on the letter before the ending.

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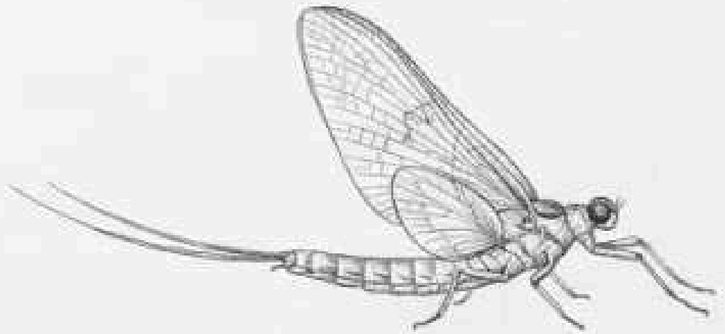
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Singular	Plural
hēmer-a	hēmer-ai
hēmer-as	hēmer-ōn
hēmer-ai	hēmer-ais
hēmer-an	hēmer-as

Matches 2nd Declension (logos)!

{e, i, r} + stem = keeps long -a throughout singular.

Example: chōra (land)



ephemeral (lasting only a day)

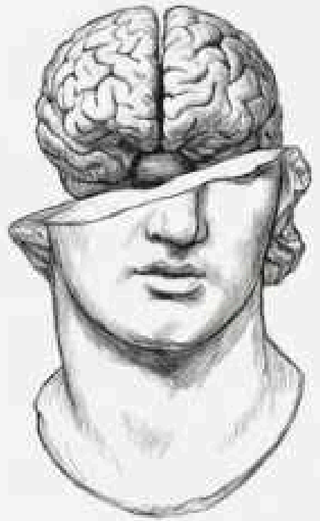
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Singular	Plural
phōn-ē	phōn-ai
phōn-ēs	phōn-ōn
phōn-ēi	phōn-ais
phōn-ēn	phōn-as

Greek Roots

- phōnē → telephone (sound from afar), symphony (sounding together)
- psychē → psychology
- glōssa → glossary
- doxa → orthodox (right opinion), paradox (beyond opinion)
- thalassa → thalassic





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¶ 4.4

Short "a" Shift

thalassa
glōssa

Nom/Acc → Gen/Dat
(Short a) (Long ē after most consonants)

glōssēs, glōssēi

Masculine in "ēs"

poiētēs (poet)
mathētēs (disciple)

poiētou

Looks like 2nd declension!



Vocative of *poiētēs* is *poiēta* (O poet).

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Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
2nd Declension (-os)	1st Declension (-ē)	2nd Declension (-on)
agathos	*agathē*	*agathon*
kalos	*kalē*	*kalon*

Once you know the two noun declensions, you already know how these adjectives change.

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Golden Rule Equation

Adjective = Noun [in Case + Number + Gender]

agathos logos *agathē phōnē* *agathon dōron*



THE TRAP (False Friend)

agathē hodos (a good road)

Looks masculine — Is actually feminine

Requires feminine adjective

Trust the ARTICLE, not the noun's look.

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Attributive Position (Inside the Article)

[Article] + [Adjective] + [Noun] → *ho agathos anthrōpos* (the good man)

[Article] + [Noun] + [Article] + [Adjective] → *ho anthrōpos ho agathos* (the good man)

Predicate Position (Outside the Article)

[Article] + [Noun] ... [Adjective] → *ho anthrōpos agathos* (the man IS good)

kalē hē psychē (the soul IS beautiful)

IS

When reading, always ask whether the adjective is inside or outside the article.

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Article + Adjective = Abstract/Substantive Noun

hoi (the) + *agathoi* (good) → the good people.

tó (the) + *kalon* (beautiful) → beauty itself.

tó (the) + *agathon* (good) → The Good (Plato's Republic).

ho men (the one)
hoi men (some)



ho de (the other)
hoi de (others)

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Connectors
kai (and/or even),
de (and/but - mild step).

Contrasts
alla (but).



Logic (Plato's heavy lifters)
gar (for/reason)
oun (therefore/conclusion)

[Word 1] → [PARTICLE] → [Word 3]...

Particles usually come second in their clause, NEVER first.

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[hē psychē] | **kalē** → estin

The soul is beautiful.

hoi agathoi anthrōpoi **kalous logous legousi**

The good people speak beautiful words.

kalos + kai + agathos = kalos kagathos



Athenian ideal of fine body and noble character (Symposium)

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An adjective without a noun is a noun in its own right.

(Referencing English: ‘the rich’, ‘the meek’, ‘the merciful’)



→ a good **man**



→ a good **woman**



→ a good **thing**

The gender of the ending tells you which.

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Task 1 (Agreement)

ho agathos logos

hē agathē phōnē

tó agathon dōron

Task 2 (Position Shift)



ho logos agathos
→ the word is good.

hē phōnē agathē
→ the voice is good.

tó dōron agathon
→ the gift is good.

Repeat until both moves feel automatic
to unlock faster reading in later lectures.

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The Master Key

Adjectives

- 2nd Declension Source: Provides Masculine (*logos*) & Neuter (*dōron*) en.
- 1st Declension Source: Provides Feminine (*phōnē/hēmera*) endings

Exception Note

Compound adjectives
e.g., *adikos* (unjust)



Only two endings! The feminine looks like the masculine (no expected *ē* or *a*).



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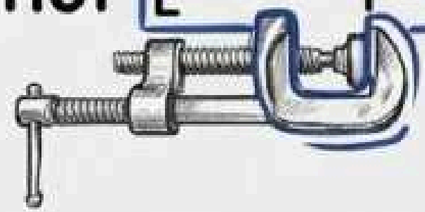
[Article] + [Genitive Phrase] → ho [tou adelphou] = the one belonging to the brother (the brother's son).

COMPACTED NOUN UNIT



[Article] + [Prepositional Phrase] → hoi [en tēi polei] = the people in the city.

COMPACTED NOUN UNIT



The article is a structural tool, not just a translation of "the". Stop hunting for a missing noun that the article has already supplied.

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