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FOR THE GREEK LANGUAGE



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This cheat sheet is more than just a list of basic phrases—it's your first step into the heart of Greek language and culture. Whether you're shopping in Athens, greeting a friend in Thessaloniki, or simply falling in love with the rhythm of everyday Greek, these expressions will help you sound natural, confident, and connected.

Crafted with care and clarity, this guide is designed to make your conversations smoother, warmer, and more authentic. Let it be your pocket-sized companion on the journey to fluency—because every “Καλημέρα” opens a door.

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All About the Small Talk!

How to Say Hello and More in Greek

In Greek, a common way to say “Hello!” is **Γεια σου** [yia soo] when speaking to someone you know well, or **Γεια σας** [yia sas] when addressing an older person, someone you don’t know,



or more than one person. Another polite and friendly option for greeting someone—regardless of formality—is **Χαίρετε** [he-re-te], often used for a warm welcome.

To say “Good morning,” Greeks use **Καλημέρα** [ka-lee-me-ra], typically before noon. After 12:00 p.m., the appropriate greeting becomes **Καλησπέρα** [ka-lee-spe-ra], meaning “Good afternoon” or “Good evening.”

When it’s time to say goodbye at night, or when someone is going to bed, you can say **Καληνύχτα** [ka-lee-nee-khta], which means “Goodnight.” It’s used as a kind farewell or bedtime wish.

Let’s start to talk

Τι κάνεις; [tee ka-nees?] How are you?

Έτσι κι έτσι, εσύ; [e-tsee kee e-tsee, e-see?] So - so, you?

Είμαι καλά, ευχαριστώ! Τι νέα; [Ka-la ef-kha-ree-sto] I’m fine, thank you. Any news?

Τίποτα το ιδιαίτερο. [tee-po-ta to ee-dee-e-te-ro] Nothing special

Remember that instead of **Τι κάνεις;** you can always use **Πώς είσαι;** [pos ee-se]

More useful vocabulary

Καλώς ήρθες! [ka-los ee-rthes], **Καλώς ήρθατε!** [kalos ee-rtha-te] Welcome!

Θα τα πούμε σύντομα! [tha ta poo-me see-do-ma] See you soon!

Αντίο! [a-deeo] Goodbye!

Getting to know us better

- **Μιλάς/ μιλάτε ελληνικά;** [Mee-las/ mee-la-te e-lee-nee-ka] Do you speak greek?

- **Ναι, λίγο!** [Ne lee-go] Yes, a bit!
- **Όχι, δε μιλάω ελληνικά.** [O-hee, de mee-la-o e-lee-nee-ka] No, I don't speak greek.
- **Συγγνώμη, δεν καταλαβαίνω.** [See-gno-mee, den ka-ta-la-ve-no] Sorry, I don't understand

- **Πώς σε/ σας λένε;** [Pos se / sas le-ne] What's your name?

- **Με λένε** [Me le-ne...] My name is...
- **Ονομάζομαι...** [O-no-ma-zo-me...] I am called...
- **Εσένα/ Εσάς;** [E-se-na/ E-sas...] And yours?
- **Χάρηκα/ Χαίρω πολύ!** [Kha-ree-ka/ He-ro po-lee] Nice to meet you!

- **Από πού είσαι;** [a-po poo ee-se] where are you from?

- **Είμαι από (την Αγγλία/ Αμερική/ Αυστραλία κλπ). Εσύ;** [ee-me a-po (teen A-nglee-a/ A-me-ree-kee/ Af-stra-lee-a). E-see?] I'm from (England/ USA/ Australia etc.). You?
- **Είμαι από την Ελλάδα.** [Ee-me a-po teen E-la-da] I'm from Greece.

Days of the week

The days of the week are

- **Δευτέρα** [de-fte-ra] is Monday
- **Τρίτη** [tree-tee] is Tuesday
- **Τετάρτη** [te-ta-rtē] is Wednesday
- **Πέμπτη** [pe-mp-tee] is Thursday
- **Παρασκευή** [pa-ra-skev-ee] is Friday
- **Σάββατο** [sa-va-to] is Saturday
- **Κυριακή** [kee-rya-kee] is Sunday

Σάββατο and Κυριακή together make us
Σαββατοκύριακο, the well - known to all “Weekend”



Σήμερα [see-me-ra] is Today

Αύριο [av-ree-o] is Tomorrow

Μεθαύριο [me-thav-ree-o] is the day after tomorrow

Χτες [htes] is Yesterday

Προχτές [pro-htes] is the day before yesterday

Αυτή την εβδομάδα [af-tee teen ev-do-ma-da] is this week

Την προηγούμενη εβδομάδα [teen pro-ee-goo-me-nee ev-do-ma-da] is last week

Την επόμενη εβδομάδα [teen e-po-me-nee ev-do-ma-da] is next week

Basic words

- **Ευχαριστώ** [ef-kha-ree-sto] thank you
- **Ευχαριστώ πολύ** [ef-kha-ree-sto po-lee] thank you very much
- **Παρακαλώ** [pa-ra-ka-lo] please
- **Ναι** [ne] yes
- **Όχι** [o-hee] no
- **Γεια μας** [ya mas] cheers
- **Καλώς ήρθες** [Ka-los ee-rthes] welcome (singular)
- **Καλώς ήρθατε** [Kalos ee-rtha-te] welcome (plural)

Numbers 1-20

1	ένα [e-na]	11	έντεκα [e-de-ka]
2	δύο [dee-o]	12	δώδεκα [do-de-ka]
3	τρία [tree-a]	13	δεκατρία [de-ka-tree-a]
4	τέσσερα [te-se-ra]	14	δεκατέσσερα [de-ka-te-se=ra]
5	πέντε [pe-nde]	15	δεκαπέντε [de-ka-pe-nde]
6	έξι [e-ksee]	16	δεκαέξι [de-ka-e-ksee]
7	επτά [e-pta]	17	δεκαεπτά [de-ka-e-pta]
8	οκτώ [o-kto]	18	δεκαοκτώ [de-ka-o-kto]
9	εννιά [e-nya]	19	δεκαεννιά [de-ka-e-nya]
10	δέκα [de-ka]	20	είκοσι [ee-ko-see]

Going to places

Πηγαίνω [pee-ye-no] I go / I am going

Πηγαίνω με το λεωφορείο [pee-ye-no me to le-o-fo-ree-o] I go by bus

Πηγαίνω με το αυτοκίνητο [pee-ye-no me to af-to-kee-nee-to] I go by car

Πηγαίνω με το μετρό [pee-ye-no me to me-tro] I go by metro

Πηγαίνω με το ταξί [pee-ye-no me to ta-ksee] I go by taxi

Πηγαίνω με το αεροπλάνο [pee-ye-no me to a-e-ro-pla-no] I go by airplane

Πηγαίνω με τα πόδια [pee-ye-no me ta po-dya] I go on foot / I walk

Πηγαίνω κοντά [pee-ye-no ko-da] I go nearby

Πηγαίνω μακριά [pee-ye-no ma-kree-a] I go far away

Φτάνω [fta-no] I arrive

Έρχομαι [e-rkho-me] I come

Επισκέπτομαι [e-pee-ske-to-me] I visit

Where is...?

Πού είναι ...; [poo ee-ne ...?] Where is ...?

Πού είναι το μουσείο; [poo ee-ne to moo-see-o?] Where is the museum?

Πού είναι το κέντρο; [Poo ee-ne to ke-dro?] Where is the center?

Πού είναι το εστιατόριο; [poo ee-ne to e-stee-a-to-ree-o?] Where is the restaurant?

Εδώ [e-do] Here

Εκεί [e-kee] There

Μακριά [ma-kree-a] Far

Κοντά [ko-da] Near

Δεξιά [de-ksee-a] Right

Αριστερά [a-ree-ste-ra] Left

Ευθεία [ef-thee-a] Straight ahead

Shopping in Greek

Πηγαίνω για ψώνια

[pee-ye-no ya pso-nya] I go shopping

Το κατάστημα [to ka-ta-stee-ma]

The store / shop

Το σούπερ μάρκετ [to soo-per

ma-rket] – The supermarket

Το φαρμακείο [to fa-rma-kee-o]

The pharmacy

Το ταμείο [to ta-mee-o]

The checkout / cashier

Η απόδειξη [ee a-po-dee-ksee]

The receipt

Η τσάντα [ee tsa-da] The bag

Πόσο κοστίζει; [po-so ko-stee-zee?] How much does it cost?

Μπορώ να πληρώσω με κάρτα; [bo-ro na plee-ro-so me ka-rta?] Can I pay by card?

Δέχετε μετρητά; [De-he-ste me-tree-ta?] Do you accept cash?

Έχετε έκπτωση; [E-he-te e-kpto-see?] Do you have a discount?

Μου είναι μεγάλο / μικρό. [moo ee-ne me-ga-lo / mee-kro] It's too big / small for me.

Έχετε άλλο μέγεθος; [E-he-te a-lo me-ye-thos?] Do you have another size?

Είναι ακριβό / φτηνό. [ee-ne a-kree-vo / ftee-no] It's expensive / cheap.

Θα το πάρω. [tha to pa-ro] I'll take it.

Δεν το θέλω, ευχαριστώ. [den to the-lo, ef-kha-ree-sto] I don't want it, thank you.



50 Most Common Greek Verbs

1. **είμαι** [ee-me] I am
2. **έχω** [e-kho] I have
3. **κάνω** [ka-no] I do / I make
4. **λέω** [leo] I say
5. **πάω / πηγαίνω** [pao / pee-ye-no] I go
6. **έρχομαι** [e-rkho-me] I come
7. **βλέπω** [vle-po] I see
8. **ακούω** [a-koo-o] I hear
9. **τρώω** [tro-o] I eat
10. **πίνω** [pee-no] I drink
11. **μένω** [me-no] I stay / I live
12. **δουλεύω** [thoo-lev-o] I work
13. **διαβάζω** [dya-va-zo] I read / I study
14. **γράφω** [gra-fo] I write
15. **μιλάω** [mee-la-o] I speak
16. **καταλαβαίνω** [ka-ta-la-ve-no] I understand
17. **μαθαίνω** [ma-the-no] I learn
18. **δίνω** [dee-no] I give
19. **παίρνω** [pe-rno] I take
20. **παίζω** [pe-zo] I play
21. **περιμένω** [pe-ree-me-no] I wait
22. **αγαπάω** [a-ga-pa-o] I love
23. **θέλω** [the-lo] I want
24. **μπορώ** [bo-ro] I can
25. **πρέπει** [pre-pee] I must / I have to
26. **ξέρω** [kse-ro] I know
27. **ρωτάω** [ro-ta-o] I ask
28. **απαντάω** [a-pa-da-o] I answer
29. **βρίσκω** [vri-sko] I find
30. **χάνω** [kha-no] I lose
31. **ανοίγω** [a-nee-go] I open
32. **κλείνω** [klee-no] I close

33. **μπαίνω** [be-no] I enter
34. **βγαίνω** [vye-no] I exit / go out
35. **οδηγώ** [o-dee-go] I drive
36. **περπατάω** [pe-rpa-ta-o] I walk
37. **τρέχω** [tre-kho] I run
38. **κοιμάμαι** [kee-ma-me] I sleep
39. **ξυπνάω** [ksee-pna-o] I wake up
40. **ντύνομαι** [dee-no-me] I get dressed
41. **πλένω** [ple-no] I wash
42. **κάνω μπάνιο** [ka-no ba-nyo] I take a shower / bath
43. **ζω** [zo] I live (exist)
44. **πεθαίνω** [pe-the-no] I die
45. **ελπίζω** [e-lpee-zo] I hope
46. **φοβάμαι** [fo-va-me] I'm afraid
47. **γελάω** [ye-la-o] I laugh
48. **κλαίω** [kle-o] I cry
49. **σκεφτομαι** [ske-fto-me] I think
50. **θυμάμαι** [thee-ma-me] I remember



20 phrases to impress Your Greek Friends

1. **Τι γίνεται;** [tee yee-ne-te] What's up? / How's it going?
2. **Όλα καλά;** [O-la ka-LA?] – All good?
3. **Έλα ρε φίλε!** [e-la re fee-le] Come on, man! (friendly exclamation)
4. **Σιγά σιγά.** [see-ga see-ga] Slowly, slowly / Taking it easy
5. **Δεν πειράζει.** [den pee-ra-zee] It's okay / No worries
6. **Άσε μας τώρα!** [a-se mas to-ra] Oh, come on! / Give me a break!
7. **Τέλεια!** [te-lee-a] Perfect! / Awesome!
8. **Δεν το πιστεύω!** [den to pee-stev-o] I can't believe it!
9. **Έγινε!** [e-yee-ne] Done! / Got it!
10. **Πάμε για καφέ;** [pa-me ya ka-fe?] Shall we go for coffee?
11. **Τι λες τώρα!** [tee les to-ra] No way! / You're kidding!
12. **Έτσι κι έτσι.** [e-tsee kee e-tsee] So-so / Meh
13. **Καλή φάση!** [ka-lee fa-see] Cool! / That's fun!
14. **Δεν παίζεις!** [den pe-ze-se] You're unbelievable! (in a good way)
15. **Έλα, σοβαρά τώρα;** [e-la, so-va-ra to-ra?] Seriously now?
16. **Ό,τι να 'ναι!** [o-tee na ne] That makes no sense! / Random!
17. **Περαστικά!** [pe-ra-stee-ka] Get well soon!
18. **Καλή τύχη!** [ka-lee tee-khee] Good luck!
19. **Καλό κουράγιο!** [ka-λο koo-ρα-yo] Hang in there! / Strength to you!
20. **Καλά κρασιά!** [ka-la kra-sya] Yeah, right! (sarcastic or playful)



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