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Preface

This is the companion volume to *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. Most chapters divide into six sections:

1. “Parsing” contains ten individual words to parse.
2. “Warm-up” contains short phrases that center on the grammar learned in the current chapter.
3. “Translation” gives you ten verses, usually from the New Testament. I trust that by translating the Bible from the first day, you will be encouraged. Any word you don’t know is defined in the text in parentheses.
4. “Additional” gives you another ten sentences to translate. As a general rule, if you can translate these you are doing really well. Exercises 11 and 12 are made-up sentences by my friend and editor, Verlyn Verbrugge. I strongly encourage you to always do these two sentences as well. The last eight sentences are from a variety of sources, including the LXX, Apostolic Fathers, or my imagination. I single-spaced exercises 13 – 20 to save paper and because many teachers do not require students to do all the exercises.

In sentences 11–15, if you don’t know the word but could figure it out from its lexical form, its lexical form is given in the footnotes. If you can’t figure out the word, its meaning is defined in the text in parentheses. In sentences 16–20 you are expected to use the lexicon. If the form is too difficult, or if the word is not in the lexicon, then I either give the lexical form in the footnotes or the meaning in the text in parentheses.

5. “Summary” covers new grammar learned inductively in the exercises.
6. The verse references to the biblical examples are listed in “References.” Putting them here and not with the exercise helps you not think subconsciously about the verse in English. If the verse reference has a parenthesis around it, it means I altered the biblical passage a little. If there is a dash, one of my friends or I made it up.

There are two different ways to work through the textbook. Track One follows the normal order by covering the noun system and then moving on to verbs. Track Two allows you to cover some of the verbal system earlier. The chapters in the textbook are the same. A fuller discussion is in the textbook, page 91.

I would like to review a few suggestions I made in chapter 2 of the textbook, since they are so important.

1. Treat these exercises as if they were a test. Learn the chapter, and do the exercises without looking back. If you are stuck on a parsing or a verse, then move on. When you are done with the exercises, go back and review the textbook, and then come back and try to finish the exercises. If you do the exercises with the textbook open, flipping back and forth, you will not get a clear picture of what you know or don’t know.
2. Remind yourself constantly why you are learning Greek. If you forget that you are trying to gain a facility in learning God’s Word, you will most likely become discouraged.
3. Be consistent in your studying. You cannot learn Greek by cramming, unless you are an exceptional learner.
4. Work with someone. It is difficult to learn Greek on your own.
5. Pay close attention to the footnotes in the workbook. They will give you hints, fine-tune your grammar, and point out theologically interesting facts.
6. Have fun! Greek is a great language. Remember that. Don’t lose sight of your goal. Laugh a lot. My second year Greek class was nicknamed “The Zoo.” It was a great class, and I have always tried to maintain that same combination of levity and seriousness in my own classes; it works.

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Abbreviations

Fanning	<i>Verbal Aspect in New Testament Greek</i> , Buist M. Fanning (Clarendon, 1990)
Metzger	<i>Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek</i> , Bruce M. Metzger (Baker, 1997)
Mounce	<i>A Graded Reader of Biblical Greek</i> , William D. Mounce (Zondervan, 1996)
Wallace	<i>Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics</i> , Daniel B. Wallace (Zondervan, 1996)

The Greek Old Testament

Gen	Genesis	1 Esdr	1 Esdras
Ex	Exodus	Tob	Tobit
Lev	Leviticus	1 Mac	1 Maccabees
Num	Numbers	2 Mac	2 Maccabees
Deut	Deuteronomy	Ps	Psalms
Josh	Joshua	Ode	Odes of Solomon
Judg	Judges	Eccl	Ecclesiastes
Ruth	Ruth	Wsd	Wisdom of Solomon
1 Sam	1 Samuel	PsSol	Psalms of Solomon
1 Kgs	1 Kings	Is	Isaiah
2 Kgs	2 Kings	Jer	Jeremiah
1 Chr	1 Chronicles	Dan	Daniel

The New Testament

Mt	Matthew	1 Tim	1 Timothy
Mk.....	Mark	2 Tim	2 Timothy
Lk.....	Luke	Ti	Titus
Jn.....	John	Phlm	Philemon
Ac.....	Acts	Heb	Hebrews
Rom.....	Romans	Jas	James
1 Cor.....	1 Corinthians	1 Pt	1 Peter
2 Cor.....	2 Corinthians	2 Pt	2 Peter
Gal	Galatians	1 Jn	1 John
Eph	Ephesians	2 Jn	2 John
Phil	Philippians	3 Jn	3 John
Col	Colossians	Jude	Jude
1 Th.....	1 Thessalonians	Rev.....	Revelation
2 Th.....	2 Thessalonians		

Early Christian Literature

1 Clem	1 Clement	IRom.....	Ignatius to the Romans
2 Clem	2 Clement	Barn	Barnabas
IMag	Ignatius to the Magnesians	Shep.....	Shepherd of Hermas
IPhil	Ignatius to the Philadelphians		

General

NIV	New International Version (2011)	p.	page
LXX	Septuagint	pp.	pages
A	Codex Alexandrinus	f.	one following verse
ⲙ	Majority Text	ff.	more than one following verse