

Alphabet Reference Sheet ἄλφαβητα

Letter (lower)	Letter (capital)	name	English form	notes
α	Α	alpha	a	
β	Β	beta	b	
γ	Γ	gamma	g	
δ	Δ	delta	d	
ε	Ε	epsilon	e	short e as in <u>get</u>
ζ	Ζ	zeta	z	
η	Η	eta	e	long e as in <u>air</u>
θ	Θ	theta	th	
ι	Ι	iota	i	
κ	Κ	kappa	k or c	
λ	Λ	lambda	l	
μ	Μ	mu	m	
ν	Ν	nu	n	
ξ	Ξ	xi	x	
ο	Ο	omicron	o	short o as in <u>pot</u>
π	Π	pi	p	
ρ	Ρ	rho	r	
σ, ς	Σ	sigma	s	σ in middle; ς at end!
τ	Τ	tau	t	
υ	Υ	upsilon	u or y	
φ	Φ	phi	ph or f	
χ	Χ	chi	kh or ch	
ψ	Ψ	psi	ps	
ω	Ω	omega	o	long o as in <u>saw</u>



ἄ λ φ α β η τ α

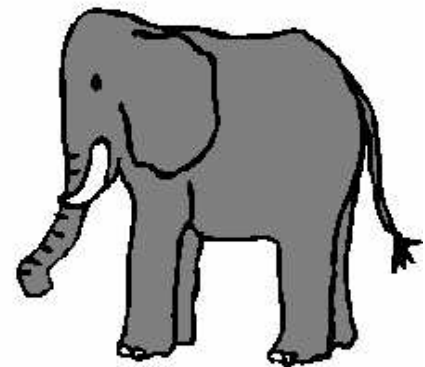
REMEMBER!



1) Greek does not have an **h**. If a word has an **h** sound then a **rough breathing** (´) is placed in front of the vowel. For example:

ἵπποποταμος = hippopotamos

2) A **smooth breathing** (˘) is placed in front of a **vowel** at the beginning of a word if it does not have an h. For example:



ἔλεφας = elephas (elephant)

3) Sigma has two forms

σ at the start or middle of words, eg σιγμα

ς at the end of words, eg ἵπποποταμος

4) When γ is used combined with γ, κ, μ, ξ or χ it is pronounced as **-ng** (runng)

γγ, γκ, γμ, γξ, γχ

eg λυγξ = lynx

