

Doing things – verbs and endings 1

We use **verbs** to describe what we are doing.

I **read** the book.
The verb is "**read**". Why?
The verb is what I am doing.



Mark often **plays** football in the park
The verb is "**plays**". Why?
The verb is what Mark is doing.

In English, we normally use two (occasionally three) forms to show who is doing something.

Look at the differences in these sentences.

I write Greek
you write Greek
he writes Greek

we write Greek
you (plural) write Greek
they write Greek

The verb (to write) changes from write to writes when we want to say that **he, she** or **it** is doing something.



The verb for girls!

When we write out a verb, we say **he**. This is shorthand for 'he, she or it' – girls can do actions in Greek as well as in English!

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English uses **I**, **you**, **he**, **we**, **you** and **they** to show who is doing the actions (these words are called **personal pronouns**).

In English, we use "you" to speak about different types of people:

you (singular) means that only one person is involved,

you (plural) means that lots of people are involved.

These are often shortened to you (s) and you (pl).

You love your cat!

There is only one person loving the cat, so this verb is you (singular)



You love the dog!

There are three people loving the dog, so this verb is you (plural)



Look at the pictures and decide whether to say you (s) or you (pl)?



You play in an orchestra.



You paint a picture.



You work hard



You go to school.



You are cats!

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Remember that in English we use **personal pronouns** to discover who is doing something.

English personal pronouns are:

I, you, he, she, it, we, you, they.

Greek doesn't always use **personal pronouns**.
How do we know who's doing something?

In Greek we find out who is doing something by looking at the **endings** of Greek verbs.
So the verb "to write" becomes:



I write	γραφω	we write	γραφoμεν
you write	γραφεις	you write	γραφετε
he writes	γραφει	they write	γραφουσι

As you can see, the endings of the verb change to show who is writing.



How would you say.....?

we write

you (s) write



I write

they write

you (pl) write

he writes

