

Greek Verb Tenses

Present

Continuous action: 'in process'; a 'state of persistence'; going on in the present time.

ex: "...you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God..." Eph 2:22



Aorist

Simple action: 'summary occurrence', no amount of time taken to accomplish the action.

Punctiliar: single point-in-time (usually past-tense); action described as one collective whole

ex: "...many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing." John 2:23



Imperfect

Continuous (usually past-tense) action: continually happening in past-time.

ex: And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Mark 1:5



Perfect

A past action that is completed but the results continue on and remain in the present.

The present state of a continuation of a completed past-tense action.

ex: "I have been crucified with Christ." Gal 2:20

I was crucified with Christ in the past, but it is also my present condition as a result.



Future

An anticipated action that will occur at some point-in-time in the future.

ex: "...we will see Him even as He is." 1 John 3:2



RARE FORMS:

Pluperfect "Past-Perfect"

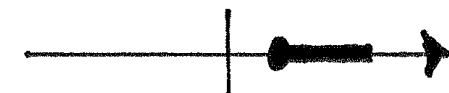
A completed action in the past with results that continued, but also ended in the past.

ex: "...and it did not fall, for it [the house] was founded on the rock." Matt 7:25



Future-Perfect

A complete action that will happen and the resulting state will end before another event.



Endings

Primary Endings (Present, Future, Perfect):

Active: ω, εις, ει, ομεν, ετε, ουσι

Passive: ομαι, η, εται, όμεθα, εσθε, ονται

Secondary Endings (“Past” | Imperfect, Aorist):

Active: ον, ες, ε, ομεν, ετε, ον

Passive: όμην, ου, ετο, όμεθα, εσθε, οντο

Tense	Prefix	Added	Ending	1st SL
Present Active			Primary Active	λύω
Present Mid./Pas.			Primary Mid./Pas.	λύομαι
Imperfect Active	ε		Secondary Active	ἔλυον
Imperfect Mid./Pas.	ε		Secondary Mid./Pas.	ἐλύομην
Future Active		σ	Primary Active	λύσω
Future Active (liquid)		εσ	Primary Active	μενῶ
Future Middle		σ	Primary Mid./Pas.	πορεύσομαι
Future Mid. (liquid)		εσ	Primary Mid./Pas.	μενοῦμαι
1st Future Passive		θησ	Primary Mid./Pas.	λυθήσομαι
2nd Future Passive		ησ	Primary Mid./Pas.	ἀποσταλήσομαι
1st Aorist Active	ε	σα	Secondary Active	ἔλυσα
Aorist Active (liquid)	ε	α	Secondary Active	ἔμεινα
2nd Aorist Active	ε		Secondary Active	ἔλαβον
1st Aorist Middle	ε	σα	Secondary Mid./Pas.	ἐλυσάμην
2nd Aorist Middle	ε		Secondary Mid./Pas.	ἐγενόμην
1st Aorist Passive	ε	θη	Secondary Active	ἐλύθην
2nd Aorist Passive	ε	η	Secondary Active	ἐγράφη
1st Perfect Active	λε	κα	Primary Active	λέλυκα
2nd Perfect Active	λε	α	Primary Active	γέγονα
Perfect Mid./Pas.	λε		Primary Mid./Pas.	λέλυμαι

Noun Case Endings	Mas. (2)	Fem. (1)	Neut. (2)	M/F (3)	Neut. (3)
nom. sl.	ος	η/α	ον	ς -	-
gen. sl.	ου	ης/ας	ου	ος	ος
dat. sl.	ῳ	ῆ/ᾱ	ῳ	ι	ι
acc. sl.	ον	ην/αν	ον	α/ν	-
nom. pl.	οι	αι	α	ες	α
gen. pl.	ων	ων	ων	ων	ων
dat. pl.	οις	αις	οις	σι(ν)	σι(ν)
acc. pl.	ους	ας	α	ας	α