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Περὶ τῶν Ἡρακλέους ἄθλων¹

Ἡρακλέους νεογενοῦς ὄντος Ἦρα δύο δράκοντας ἔπεμψεν, ἵνα τὸν νεογενῆ παῖδα διαφθείραιεν. Ὁ δὲ παῖς οὐκ ἐφοβήθη ἀλλὰ ταῖς χερσὶν ἀποπνίξας τοὺς δράκοντας τότε ἤδη ἐδήλωσε τὴν ὑστερον ἰσχύν. Φανερόν δὴ ἦν παῖς Διὸς ὢν, ὃς πράξεσιν ἐπιφανέσιν δόξαν ἀθάνατον κτήσεται.

Ἔφηβος δὲ ὢν εἰς Δελφοὺς ἐπορεύθη ὡς ἐρωτήσων τὸν θεόν, ποῦ κατοικήσειεν. Καὶ ἡ Πυθίᾱ· «Τέλεσον, ὦ Ἡράκλεις, ἔφη, δώδεκα ἄθλους προστάττοντος Εὐρυσθέως, τῶν δὲ ἄθλων τελεσθέντων ἀθάνατος ἔσῃ».

Ταῦτα ἀκούσας ὁ Ἡρακλῆς εἰς Τίρυνθα, εἰς τὴν πόλιν τοῦ Εὐρυσθέως ἐπορεύθη καὶ ἐν ταύτῃ τῇ πόλει ἔλαβε τὸν πρῶτον ἄθλον ἀποκτεῖναι τὸν ἐν Νεμέᾳ λέοντα καὶ τὴν δορὰν κομίσαι. Τοῦτον δὲ ὁ Ἡρακλῆς πολὺν χρόνον διώξας ἀπέπνιξεν, τῇ δὲ δορᾷ κατεκαλύψατο τὸ σῶμα.

Τὸν δὲ Ἡρακλέα θαυμάσαιμεν ἂν οὐ μόνον τῇ ἰσχύι, ἀλλὰ καὶ τῇ ἐπινοίᾳ. Ὁ γὰρ Εὐρυσθεὺς πέμπτον προσέταξεν αὐτῷ ἄθλον τὴν αὐλὴν τοῦ Αὐγείου, τοῦ βασιλέως τῆς Ἥλιδος, καθῆραι. Ταύτην δὲ κόπρου πολλῶν ἐτῶν μεστήν καθῆραι τοῖς ὤμοις ὁ ἥρως οὐκ ἠξίωσεν. Ἐπήγαγεν οὖν τὸν Ἀλφειὸν ποταμὸν ἐπὶ τὴν αὐλὴν καὶ οὕτω καθήρας αὐτὴν χωρὶς ὕβρεως συνετέλεσε τὸν ἄθλον ἡμέρᾳ μιᾷ.

Τῆς ἀρετῆς ἰδρῶτα θεοὶ προπάροιθεν ἔθηκαν².

1. Based on Diodorus Siculus (D.S., Gk Διόδωρος Σικελιώτης, c. 80 B.C. – c. 29. B.C.) IV, 9 ff. D.S.' record has the title "*Historical Library*" (Βιβλιοθήκη Ἱστορική), and he writes, among many others, also about India.

2. Hesiod, *Works and Days* (Ἔργα καὶ ἡμέραι) 289 (in the rendering by Glenn W. Most (Loeb 2006): 'in front of Excellence the immortal gods have set sweat'.

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Vocabulary

Ἡρακλῆς, Ἡρακλέους, ὁ

Heracles, son of Zeus and Alcmena (Ἀλκμήνη), the most famous of the Greek heroes (Lat. Hercules). In his myths, which have not resulted in any outstanding work of poetry that is focussed on him, he is connected especially to Thebes, Argos and the countryside around Trachis; in the cult he is honoured almost panhellenically, without being any place being able to display a hero's grave. His name is that of a mortal (cf. Diocles), and has been interpreted as 'Glorious through Hera'. However, there is no agreement over the etymology of the name, an alternative version deriving its first element from 'Hero'.³ Heracles shared the characteristics of, on the one hand, a hero, on the other, a god. It has been remarked that he is both the "most Greek" hero if regarded from an Indo-European dimension, and the "most Indo-European" warrior like hero if regarded from a Greek perspective.

ἄθλος, ἄθλου, ὁ

νεογενής, ἕς, οὗς

Ἡρακλέους νεογενοῦς ὄντος

labour, (hard) work; contest; task
new-born

δράκων, δράκοντος, ὁ

φοβέομαι P.

οὐκ ἐφοβήθη

χείρ, χειρός, ἡ

ἀποπνίγω

ἤδη

(gen. abs.)
when Heracles was a childdragon, serpent of huge size, python
to (be seized with) fear, to be afraid of
he was not scared

hand

to suffocate, to strangle

already, by this time

3. Cf., however, Lesson 7 ("Περὶ τῆς Σφιγγός") where Hera "μίσει τῶν Θηβαίων Σφίγγα ἔπεμψεν, ὅπως διαφθειροίντο".

δηλόω	to reveal, to show, to make manifest/ visible
ὕστερος, ὑστέρᾱ, ον	later, coming after
ἰσχύς, ἰσχύος, ἡ	might, power, force
φανερός, ἄ, ὄν	manifest, obvious, evident
φανερὸς ἦν Διὸς παῖς ὢν (<i>participium praedicatum</i>)	clearly, he was a child/son of Zeus
δή	(particle to give greater exactness to the word or words which it influences) now, indeed, really
πρᾶξις, πράξεως, ἡ	act, achievement, deed, feat
ἐπιφανής, ἐς, οὔς	remarkable, distinguished
ἄθνατος, ον	immortal, of immortal/imperishable fame
ἔφηβος, ἐφήβου, ὁ	adolescent, ephebe, a boy of 16 to 18 years old
Δελφοί, ὦν, οἱ	Delphi, a city with one of the four great pan-Hellenic sanctuaries having the famous oracle of Apollo in Phocis (Φωκίς, ἶδος, ἡ) at the foot of Parnassus, above the gulf of Corinth, having also the older, special name <i>Pytho</i> (Πῦθώ). The name Δελφοί can be reconstructed as an original <i>*g^welb^hu-</i> meaning ‘womb’, and the place was originally called so after the shape of the land. The older name has no satisfactory etymology. The antique opinion that connected it with ‘to cause to rot’ cannot be accepted. The origins of the Delphic oracle are dated to the 9th cent. B.C., and eventually Delphi developed into the most important Greek oracle. It was consulted by <i>poleis</i> (cities) as well as individuals. The story that Apollo was not the original owner of the oracle seems to express the perception that at Delphi the chthonian, dangerous and disorderly aspects of the cosmos have been defeated by, and subordinated to the celestial guide and lawgiver.
πορεύω	to make to go, to carry, to convey

πορεύομαι P.
κατοικέω
Πυθίᾱ, ἄς, ἡ

to go, to walk, to march
to inhabit, to dwell, to reside, to settle
(sc. ἱέρεια) The *Pythia*, priestess/
prophetess of the Pythian Apollo at
Delphi, who served for life and
remained chaste throughout her
service. She had prepared herself by
purification at the nearby Castalian
Spring, crowned with laurel, sat on the
tripod, became possessed by the god,
and shaking a laurel, prophesied under
divine inspiration – a state which may
correspond to what in non-religious
explanatory models would be
considered a self-induced trance. Her
pronouncements were then shaped by
the *prophētai* (προφήται), ‘the gods’
interpreters’, ‘the prophets’.

τελέω
ἐτέλεσα
δώδεκα
προσάπτω

to perform, to do, to complete, to fulfill
(ind. aor. act.)

Εὐρυσθεύς, Εὐρυσθέως, ὁ

twelve
to assign to, to order, to command, to
give as a command, to prescribe
Eurystheus, in mythology son of
Sthenelus (Σθένης) and Nicippe
(Νίκηπιπη), and granted rule of the
Argolid by Zeus through Hera’s trickery
(*Il.* 19, 95–125). Heracles was enslaved
to him while he performed his twelve
Labours, on the orders of the Delphic
oracle and as a punishment for killing
his wife and children in a fit of
madness. In art E. is depicted as a
coward, hiding fearfully in a great jar
when Heracles delivers e.g. the
Erymanthian boar. Even after Heracles’
death, E. persecuted his descendants
(cf. Euripides play *Heraclidae*).

προσάπτοντος Εὐρυσθέως

having received a command from
Eurystheus; Eurystheus enjoined upon
him (as a labour), E. ordered him to ...
a city on a low rocky hill in the Argive
plain, about 4 km. north of Nauplia and
1.5 km. from the sea. It became an

Τίρυνς, Τίρυνθος, ἡ

λαμβάνω
 ἔλαβε
 ἀποκτείνω
 ἀποκτεῖναι
 Νεμέα, ἄς, ἡ

extensive and important Early
 Helladic⁴ II settlement, and in later
 Mycenaean times it produced several
 Linear B texts. Archaeological
 excavations at the settlement began in
 1878 lead by H. Schliemann, and later
 by W. Dörpfeld. The name has no
 etymology.⁵ The ancient tradition
 connects it with a hero who is said to
 have given his name to the settlement.
 to receive, to (under)take
 (ind. aor. act. of λαμβάνω)
 to slay, to kill
 (inf. aor. act. of ἀποκτείνω)
 fertile upland valley in the NW Argolid,
 between the territories of ancient Phlius
 and Cleonae; legendary scene of

4. "Early Helladic" refers to a period *before* 1600 B.C., the date roughly when Greek presence on the peninsula is manifest for the first time also linguistically.

5. M. Astour, in his *Hellenosemitica* (1965) believes to have proved a number of proper names in Greece (Θῆβαι, Thebes and Mount Cithaeron/Kithairon, Gk Κιθαίων included) to originate in Semitic settings. Though disputed, to the Semitic presence on Greek territory one cannot be disposed in an offhand manner. On Tyrins' name, Astour has no hypothesis, but the following could be a guess (p. 329):

Besides, I must immediately exclude here the hypothesis of dependence on Hittite military architecture. It seems to me more probable that the Anatolians⁵ have borrowed the essential elements of their fortification system from North Syria, to which they were indebted for so much other knowledge . . . [The wall] reminds us evidently of analogous defense walls of Tiryns and Mycenae.⁶

This would imply, in this context, that Tiryns and Mycenae, too, followed the North Syrian fortifications pattern, which requires to assume the presence of trained North Syrian architects and builders in the construction of Mycenaean defense walls. On more than one page of R. W. HUTCHINSON's recent survey architectural and artistic parallels between Minoan Crete and Syria-Palestine may be found.⁷

What is important here, is "the presence of trained North Syrian architects and builders". So, a convincing Semitic etymology some day cannot be excluded. Astour discusses Tiryns on pp. 256.351 again.

Moreover, it is conspicuous that the vowel in the penultimate has acute whereas it should have a circumflex. This has led to the conclusion that the ultimate must have been phonetically [y:s].

διώκω	Heracles' encounter with the lion; site of the Panhellenic sanctuary of Zeus.
κομίζω	to hunt, to chase
κατακαλύπτω	'to fetch', 'to bring', 'to transport'
σῶμα, σώματος, τό	to cover (up)
θαυμάζω	body
θαυμάσασιμεν ἄν τῇ ἐπινοίᾳ	to admire
οὐ μόνον ..., ἀλλὰ καί	we may marvel at the ingenuity, we can admire for the ingenuity
ἐπίνοια, ἐπινοίᾳς, ἡ	not only ... but also
πέμπτος, η, ον	ingenuity, inventiveness, power of thought
αὐλή, ἥς, ἡ	fifth
Αὐγείᾳς, ου, ὁ	(court-)yard, cattle-yard, stables
	Augeias, Augeas. King of the Epeians, (<i>Il.</i> 11, 701), often of the Eleians (Ἑλις) or of Ephyra (Ἐφύρᾳ). Legend has that his stable, left neglected for 30 years, was finally cleaned by Hercules. Hence: "Augean task", an extremely formidable or difficult, and occasionally distasteful task. "Augean stable": a condition or place marked by great accumulation of filth or corruption, usually used in pl. ("every government should attend to cleaning its own <i>Augean stable</i> ").
καθαίρω	to cleanse, to purge
καθῆραι	(inf. aor. act. of καθαίρω, cf. καθήρᾱς)
κόπρος, ου, ὁ	dung, manure
μεστός, ἡ, ὄν (+ gen.)	full of
ῶμος, ὥμου, ὁ	shoulder, arms (Lat. humerus); shoulder with the upper arm
τοῖς ὥμοις	upon his shoulders, ≈with his hands/arms
ἄξιόω	to think/deem worthy of
οὐκ ἡξίωσεν	declined as unworthy of him
ἐπάγω	to bring to, to lead in/upon
ἐπήγαγεν	(ind. aor act. of ἐπάγω)
ἐπήγαγεν τὸν Ἀλφειὸν ποταμὸν ἐπὶ τὴν αὐλήν	he turned the course of the Alpheius river into the stables
Ἀλφειός, οὔ, ὁ	Alpheus, Alpheius, the largest river of the Peloponnese, rises in south Arcadia near Asea (Ἀσέα, ἡ) and flows past

ποταμός, οὔ, ὅ
καθήρᾱς
χωρίς + gen.
ὑβρις⁶, ὑβρεως, ἡ

χωρὶς ὑβρεως
συντελέω
οὕτως
ἀρετή, ἥς, ἡ
ἰδρῶς, ὤτος, ὁ
προπάροιθεν + gen.
τίθημι⁷
ἔθηκαν

Olympia to the Ionian sea. As early as in Homer (*Il.* 11, 726–728), Alpheus was also a river-god, son of Oceanus (cf. Hes. *Theog.* 338). Late cult for him is attested at Olympia and Sparta.

river, stream

(part. aor. act. of καθάίρω, cf. καθῆραι)
without

insolence, (wanton) violence, insult,
humiliation, humbling, transgression;
arrogance, lust, lewdness

without suffering any insult/humiliation
to accomplish, to complete (cf. τελέω)

=οὕτω

excellence, prowess, virtue

sweat (Lat. sudor)

before, in front of

to set, to put, to place

(ind. aor. act. of τίθημι)

6. *Hybris* or *hubris* is important in Greek thinking and literature, not unknown to Bharat Gupt who (in his *Dramatic Concepts*, Greek and Indian, 2006 [©1993]) discusses the category in the context of *hamartia*, *miasma* and *katharsis*, and states that “*hubris* and *koros* [κόρος, ‘(the consequence of) satiety or insolence’] [may] lead a great man to his downfall” (pp. 46–47). Wikipedia discusses the concept under “*Hubris*” and equals it to *arrogance*. In modern Greek, the word, in the form of ὑβρη means ‘vituperation’, ‘damning’, ‘abuse’, ‘blasphemy’, and as βρισιά, means ‘scolding’, ‘curse’.

7. Τίθημι, in Indo-European terms, belongs to the most important verbs. ἔθηκαν reflects k-aorist (root aorist without -k- is also attested) whereas k-aorist is to be detected also in the related Latin *fēcit* (verb *facio*, 3). Sanskrit *dhā* ‘to put’, ‘to lay down’ is related, and *da-dhā-mi* corresponds exactly to Greek τί-θη-μι. PIE root is *d^heh₁- with the meaning ‘to put/lay down’ and similar. Τι- in τίθημι is a so-called present reduplication.

Ὁ Ἀλφειὸς ποταμός – The Alpheios (Alfios) River

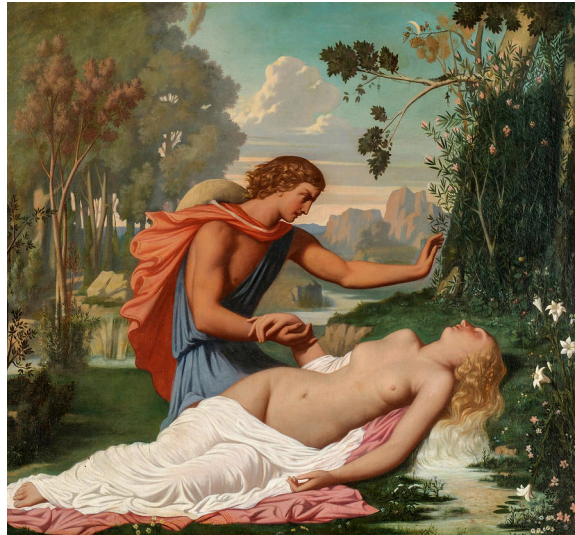


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A [tetradrachm](#) of [Gelon](#), [tyrant](#) of [Syracuse](#), minted c. 485 BC. The obverse depicts Alpheus, referring to the foundation myth of Syracuse.

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In Greek mythology, [Alpheus](#) was the river god of the eponymous river, the modern-day Alfeios River in Greece. He was the son of the [Titans Oceanus](#) and [Tethys](#), and he married Telegone, with whom he had a son, King Orsilochus.

He was an avid hunter and fell in love with the nymph Arethusa. However, she managed to evade him and went to the island of Ortygia, where she turned into a well. [Alpheus](#) then transformed himself into a river and flowing under the Peloponnese all the way to Ortygia, he was able to reunite with her. According to a different myth, [Alpheus](#) fell in love with the goddess [Artemis](#), whom he pursued, but she managed to evade him by covering her face in mud. Finally, in the story of the [Twelve Labours of Heracles](#), the mythical [hero](#) rerouted the flow of the river [Alpheus](#), so that it would pass through the Augean Stables to clean them from the filth in one day.

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Herakles/Heracles

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Description


English: The infant Herakles strangling the snakes sent by the goddess Hera (a woman protects Iphikles on the right). Detail from an Attic red-figured stamnos, ca. 480–470 BC. From Vulci, Etruria.

Español: El niño Heracles estrangulando las serpientes enviadas por Hera (mujer protege Ificles a la derecha). Detalle de un ático de figuras rojas stamnos, ca. 480-470 antes de Cristo. Procedente de Vulci, Etruria.

Français : Héraclès enfant étouffant les serpents envoyés par Héra (une femme protège Iphiclès à droite). Détail d'un stamnos attique à figures rouges, ca. 480-470 av. J.-C. Provenance : Vulci, Étrurie.

Date	between circa 480 and circa 470 BC
Medium	red-figure pottery
Dimensions	Height: 51 cm (20 in); Width: 41.5 cm (16.3 in); Diameter: 33.8 cm (13.3 in)
Collection	Louvre Museum (Inventory)
Current location	Department of Greek, Etruscan and Roman Antiquities, Sully, first floor, room 43, case 23
Accession number	G 192
Object history	discovered (Vulci)
Credit line	1836: sale of the collection of Edme-Antoine Durand
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“A woman protects Iphicles on the right”:

Iphicles was the son of [Alcmene](#) and her human husband [Amphitryon](#), whereas Heracles was her son by [Zeus](#). He also had a sister, [Laonome](#) who married [Euphemus](#) or [Polyphemus](#). Iphicles was the father of Heracles' charioteer [Iolaus](#) by his first wife, Automedusa, daughter of [Alcathous](#). Afterwards, he fathered by [Pyrrha](#), the younger daughter of [Creon](#), two children.

Iphicles was one night younger than his half-brother Heracles, who strangled the snakes which had been sent by [Hera](#) or by Amphitryon, and at which Iphicles was frightened. Iphicles, like his famous brother, grew into a strong man but could not match him in terms of strength. When Heracles was made insane once again by Hera, the hero threw into the fire his brother's two offspring by Pyrrha, who perished as a result.

Nevertheless, Iphicles went with Heracles on a punitive expedition against Troy, because King Laomedon refused to give Heracles the mares he had promised him before. Arriving in Troy, Iphicles and Telamon were sent by Heracles to the city to claim the mares, but they were thrown into prison by Laomedon. But Priam, the son of the king, disagreed with the decision of his father, sent two swords to the two heroes, and revealed the plans that Laomedon had for Heracles. As soon as Iphicles and Telamon heard this they killed their guards with the swords and returned to Heracles for the plans of Laomedon to be revealed. Then Heracles and his men went to the king and eventually slew him.

When Heracles ended his twelve labours, King Eurystheus accused him of killing him from the throne, and ordered that he, together with Alcmene and Iphicles, leave Tiryns. This is how Iphicles ended up in Arcadia where he joined Heracles on a punitive expedition against the [Hippocoon](#) of [Sparta](#). In the ensuing battle, Iphicles was killed and Heracles was inconsolable over the death of his half-brother, and voluntarily went into exile to another city.

In some accounts, Iphicles fought in the first battle of Heracles against the [Eleans](#) and [Augeas](#), and was wounded by the [Molionides](#) of [Elis](#). In a fainting condition, Iphicles was carried by his relatives to [Pheneus](#), home of his grandmother [Laonome](#), where he was carefully nursed by [Buphagus](#), a citizen of Pheneus, and by his wife Promne. They buried him when he died of his wound and was honoured with a heroum.

(Quoted after the Wikipedia-article “Iphicles”

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Grammar

Aoristos and futurum passivi

As explained earlier, passive voice has distinct characteristics only in *instans actio*. “Medio-passive”, as used frequently, applies to all the other categories, and, besides, has only in grammar a sense. In concrete contexts, a form is either – according to its function – passive or middle (*medium*).

Passive voice has emerged from middle voice, and this explains its restricted, as to formal characteristics, presence. Its use, however, is quite broad.

It is useful to acquire a picture through the conjugation of a “regular” verb like παιδεύω, and it is recommended to learn conjugational patterns (paradigms) *by heart* rather than to learn rules to which there are always “exceptions”.

The most frequent mark is the infix –θ– together with a conjunction vowel, e.g. –θη–.

Thus: ἐ-παιδεύ-θ-η-ν ‘I was/got educated/instructed’.

It is supposed that the infix –θ– is relatively late and has its origin in some substrate language on the Greek mainland.

A root-like –η– for passive is also attested, e.g. ἐ-γράφ-η-ν ‘I was written’.

Examples with παιδεύω:

Ind. aor. pass.:⁸

ἐπαιδεύθην	ἐπαιδεύθημεν
ἐπαιδεύθης	ἐπαιδεύθητε
ἐπαιδεύθη	ἐπαιδεύθησαν ⁹

Coni. aor. pass.:¹⁰

παιδευθῶ	('so that I am/get educated/instructed')
παιδευθῆς ¹¹	
παιδευθῇ	

παιδευθῶμεν
παιδευθῆτε
παιδευθῶσι(ν)

8. This type of aoristos is also called *weak aoristos*.

9. The ending –ησαν has analogical origin.

10. This verbal category, with some modifications in meaning and function, remains very important also in Modern Greek.

11. Observe, in the second and in the third person, the *subscriptum*.

Opt. aor. pass.:

παιδευθείην | ‘(so that) I might be/get educated/instructed’
 παιδευθείης | (meaning and application according to the rules for
 παιδευθείη | *optative* in syntax)

παιδευθεῖμεν/παιδευθείημεν | (cf. the contracta-verbs for similar
 παιδευθεῖτε/παιδευθείητε | alternations)¹²
 παιδευθεῖεν/παιδευθείησαν |

Imp. aor. pass.:

παιδεύθητι ‘get/you must (sing.) be educated/instructed’
 παιδευθήτω ‘he/she must get/be educated/instructed’, ‘let him/her ...’

παιδεύητε ‘get/you must (plur.) be educated/instructed’
 παιδευθέντων ‘they must get/be educated/instructed’, ‘let them ...’

Inf. aor. pass.:

παιδευθῆναι ‘to get/become educated/instructed’ (cf. German *erzogen*
 werden/worden sein)

Part. aor. pass.:

παιδευθείς, παιδευθέντος | ‘educated’ (one that has been given
 παιδευθεῖσα, παιδευθείσης | education)
 παιδευθέν, παιδευθέντος |

Ind. fut. pass.:¹³

παιδευθήσομαι ‘I will be educated’ etc.
 παιδευθήσῃ/παιδευθήσῃ
 παιδευθήσεται

παιδευθησόμεθα
 παιδευθήσεσθε
 παιδευθήσονται

Coni. fut. pass.: does not exist

12. The forms referred to belong to Lesson 6 where, however, the system – for pedagogical reasons – is not finished. The *optativus* is offered in Lesson 7.

13. This type of *futurum* is also called *weak future*.

Opt. fut. pass.:

παιδευθησοίμην	('that) I would be educated' – cf. the <i>aoristos</i> ;
παιδευθήσοιο	cf. also the <i>opt. imperfectus</i> in Lesson 7.
παιδευθήσοιτο	<i>Opt. futuri</i> is used in indirect speech. ¹⁴

παιδευθησοίμεθα
παιδευθήσοισθε
παιδευθήσονται

Imp. fut. pass.: does not exist

Inf. fut. pass.:

παιδευθήσεσθαι	'to be educated (in future)'
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Part. fut. pass.:

παιδευθησόμενος	'one that will be educated'
παιδευθησομένη	
παιδευθησόμενον	

Conjugations with predictable sound changes:

For this, additionally, the following types of "sounds" must be taken into consideration:

K-sound: ¹⁵	/κ γ χ/	before -θη- they change into χ	ἄγω: → ἄχθη-
P-sound:	/π β φ/	before -θη- they change into φ	πέμπω: → πεμφθη-
T-sound:	/τ δ θ/	before -θη- they change into σ ¹⁶	πείθω: → πεισθη-

It should be noticed at this point that at a later stage the student is supposed to memorize the *averbo* of the verbs which contains all the necessary information on forming the various verb categories like *aorist*, future, passive, as well all the forms which either morphologically or semantically, or both, are "irregular", or whatever else is necessary for the correct use of the verb in question. They outnumber the Latin forms, whereas infinitive, in this regard, unlike, Latin, is not informative.

14. For *opt. futuri* with the verb παιδεύω (παιδεύοιμι, act. and παιδευσοίμην, med.), see Lesson 7.

Its use is explained by Schwyzler (*Griechische Grammatik*) and by Goodwin (*Greek Grammar*). Schwyzler (II, p. 337) gives a good example from Xenophon: "[Orontes, the Parthian king] γράφει (*praes. historicum*) ἐπιστολὴν παρὰ Βασιλέα [the Persian king], ὅτι ἦξον ἔχων ἱππέας [...] πλείστους" (Xen. An. I,6,3).

15. Cf. the grammar of Lesson 7.

16. With dissimilation (while there is assimilation with K and P).

ἄγω

Ind. aor. pass.:

ἤχθην	'I was led' etc.	ἤχθημεν
ἤχθης		ἤχθητε
ἤχθη		ἤχθησαν

Opt. aor. pass.:¹⁷

ἄχθείην	ἄχθείμεν/ἄχθεῖμεν
ἄχθείης	ἄχθείητε/ἄχθεῖτε
ἄχθείη	ἄχθείησαν/ἄχθεῖεν

Imp. aor. pass.:¹⁸

ἄχθητι ¹⁹	ἄχθήτω
ἄχθητε	ἄχθέντων/ἄχθήτωσαν

Inf. aor. pass.: ἄχθῆναι

Part. aor. pass.:

ἄχθείς,	ἄχθέντος
ἄχθεῖσα,	ἄχθείσης
ἄχθέν,	ἄχθέντος

Ind. fut. pass.:

ἄχθήσομαι	ἄχθησόμεθα
ἄχθήση	ἄχθήσεσθε
ἄχθήσεται	ἄχθήσονται

Opt. fut. pass.:

ἄχθησοίμην	ἄχθησοίμεθα
ἄχθήσοιο	ἄχθήσοισθε
ἄχθήσοιτο	ἄχθήσονται

17. Cf. *opt. imperfectus* (Lesson IX).

18. A full picture of imperative with recapitulation will be given later.

19. Cf. γράφηθι below.

Inf. fut. pass.:

ἀχθήσεσθαι

Part. fut. pass.:

ἀχθησόμενος

ἀχθησομένη

ἀχθησόμενον

Second type of aorist and future (also called “strong”):

γράφω

Ind. aor. pass.:

ἐγράφην	ἐγράφημεν
ἐγράφης	ἐγράφητε
ἐγράφη	ἐγράφησαν

Coni. aor. pass.:

γραφῶ	γραφῶμεν
γραφῆς	γραφῆτε
γραφῇ	γραφῶσιν

Opt. aor. pass.:

γραφείην	γραφείμεν/γραφείημεν
γραφείης	γραφείτε/γραφείητε
γραφείη	γραφείεν/γραφείησαν

Imp. aor. pass.:

γράφηθι ²⁰	γράφητε
γραφήτω	γραφέντων

Inf. aor. pass.:

γραφῆναι²¹

Part. aor. pass.:

γραφείς	γραφέντος
γραφείσα	γραφείσης
γραφέν	γραφέντος

20. There is no dissimilation, unlike in ἄχθητι, because no –θ– precedes the ending –θι (θ+θ would not be tolerated).

21. While the verb γράφω and the noun γραφή are frequent in the classical language (γραφή meaning frequently a *written document*, *official letter*, *written law*, *catalogue*, *list* and similar), the infinitive seems to be attested in later documents, mainly in papyri, and in Christian texts. Thus in a papyrus from Egypt (2nd cent. B.C.): “κελε]ῦσαι γράφῆναι” where it is about an order.

To be noted that the indictment against Socrates in Athens was a “γραφὴ ἀσεβείας”, a charging of the jury with Socrates’ “ungodliness” and “disloyalty”.

Ind. fut. pass.:

γραφήσομαι	γραφησόμεθα
γραφήση	γραφήσεσθε
γραφήσεται	γραφήσονται

Opt. fut. pass.:

γραφησοίμην	γραφησοίμεθα
γραφήσοιο	γραφήσοισθε
γραφήσοιτο	γραφήσوينτο

Inf. fut. pass.:

γραφήσεσθαι

Part. fut. pass.:

γραφησόμενος
γραφησομένη
γραφησόμενον

Declension of nouns ending in -κλῆς:

The ending -κλῆς contains κλέος (-klewes-), and these nouns have also their stems ending in -σ, like βάθος and γέρας met in Lesson 7.

Ἡρακλῆς:

	Ἡρακλῆς
	Ἡρακλέα
	Ἡρακλέους
	Ἡρακλεῖ
Voc.	ὦ Ἡράκλεις

Nouns with stems in -ι and -υ:

ἡ πόλις ‘citadel’, ‘fort’, ‘city (community)’, ‘state’:²²

	πόλις	πόλεις
	πόλιν	πόλεις
	πόλεως ²³	πόλεων
	πόλει	πόλεσι(ν)
Voc.	ὦ πόλι	

ἡ ἰσχὺς:²⁴ ‘strength’, ‘power’, ‘might’:

ἰσχὺς	ἰσχύες
ἰσχύν	ἰσχῦς ²⁵
ἰσχύος	ἰσχύων
ἰσχύι	ἰσχύσι(ν)

22. As hinted at earlier, Skt *pūr*, gen. *puraḥ* (f.) is related. The original meaning must have been ‘hill top’, a meaning supported by Old Irish and Old North linguistic parallels. Cf. also *akropolis* (ἀκρόπολις).

23. The ending -έως came from -ηος with quantitative metathesis (*metathesis quantitatis*).

24. -υ- is long; but in the forms with three syllables, it is short.

25. -ῦς is the original ending (long -ū-/-ū-). Alternations with nominals of the kind (e.g. ὁ ἰχθῦς ‘fish’; -ῦ-/-ū- also long in disyllabic cases) are possible but are not attested for this noun (cf. P. Chantraine, *Grammaire homérique* I, 1988, p. 222[95]).

Declension of πράξις:

πράξις²⁶
 πράξιν
 πράξεω²⁷
 πράξει²⁸

πράξεις²⁹
 πράξις³⁰
 πράξεων³¹
 πράξεσι(ν)

This noun is connected to the verb πράσσω (Attic πράττω) ‘to do’, ‘to accomplish’, ‘to exact’; the original meaning was ‘to pass through’, ‘to travel’ (found in Homer). The semantic bridge could have been ‘to come to and end’, ‘to succeed’, ‘to act’.

The whole morphological and semantic group is reduced to the IE root **per-*.

Infrequent enclitic *περ* is attested in Greek, too (=Lat. *per*), and through this path it has etymological cognates in a number of languages, e.g. Russian *перед* (*pered*) ‘before’ and Skt. *pári*. Through related *πείρω* (<**perjo-*) ‘to pervade’, ‘to pierce’ we arrive at more relatives, like Skt. *píparti* (3sg.act.pres.) and aor. *párṣ-* ‘to bring across’, Lat. *portāre*, German *fahren* ‘to travel’, English *fare*.

26. Long $\bar{\alpha}$ -, hence circumflex.

27. Ending with *metathesis quantitatis* (<πράξηι-ος). The intervocalic -j- was deleted.

28. <πράξει-ι (see preceding fn.). Contraction of ε and ι.

29. <πράξει-εξ (see preceding fn.). Contraction of ε and ε.

30. Analogical levelling: the acc. follows the nominative.

31. Accentuation like in the genitive singular.

SYNTAX

Cases of conditionality and potentiality met so far.³²

- Εἰ ἄμφω τὰ φορτία φέρομεν, ταχέως εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν ἤκομεν (Lesson I)
- Οἱ ἵπποι φορτία οὐ φέρουσιν, εἰ καὶ ὑμεῖς φορτία φέρετε (Lesson I)
- εἰ θέρους ἡϋλεις, χειμῶνος ὄρχοῦ (Lesson IV)
- ἄσομαι, εἰ βούλεσθε, τὸ ὕστατον (Lesson V)
- ἐὰν εἰσδύηται εἰς τὰ ὦτα, τέθηκα (Lesson VI)
- ὁπότε ἂν τὸ αἵνιγμα λύσωσιν (Lesson VII)
- εἰς ὅσον ἂν χρόνον ζῇ τὸ τέρας (Lesson VIII)
- Ἐὰν μὲν νικήσω τὸν Μινώταυρον (Lesson VIII)
- ἐὰν δὲ μή [νικήσω] (Lesson VIII)
- Ἐὰν ὁ ταῦρος [...] ἐπὶ τοῖς κέρασιν ἔχη τοὺς ὀφθαλμούς (Lesson IX)
- οἷός τε εἶη βλέπειν (Lesson IX)
- ἐὰν πονηρόν τις γείτονα ἔχη (Lesson IX)
- θαυμάσαιμεν ἂν³³ (Lesson X)
- θαυμάζοιμεν ἂν (Lesson X)

32. See also Lesson IX ("More on optative, and moods").

33. Diacritics according to the textbook.

Participium praedicativum (predicative participle):

Φανερός δὲ ἦν παῖς Διὸς ὢν – indeed/really, he was appearing/obvious(ly) (as) being Zeus' child (it was obvious that he was a child of Zeus; clearly, he was/appeared as a child of Zeus)

This construction, traditionally, is labelled – if the participle is considered – a “predicative participle” (i.e., “ὢν” to which “φανερὸς” is applied predicatively, “ὢν” itself being also predicative). The construction is most frequent with “φανερὸς” and “δῆλος”, hence the two adjectives may appear in the index of grammars individually together with “εἰμί” (‘I am’). The difference between Greek and modern renderings is that Greek constructs personally, and modern translations prefer impersonal renditions.

Goodwin³⁴ connects the phenomenon with indirect discourse and calls it “participle in indirect discourse”:

Such verbs are chiefly *to see, to hear, to learn, to perceive, to know, to be ignorant of, to remember, to forget, to show, to appear, to prove, to acknowledge and ἀγγέλλω announce*.

[....]

δῆλος ἦν οἰόμενος³⁵ ‘it was evident that he thought (like δῆλον ἦν ὅτι οἶατο).

In English, the semantically similar verb to *seem* behaves likewise:

the tale seems incredible
it seems that the weather is improving
it seemed as though

The formula “I seem” gives the impression that it came into existence under Latin influence:

I seem to remember that

I do not seem to like him

Cf. Latin *mihi videor* (= ‘I seem to me’ = ‘it seems to me that’):

Videor mihi strepitum audire	‘I think/have the impression (that) I hear a noise’
Mihi visum est scribere	‘I saw it/had it for better to write’
sibi videtur	‘he thinks’, ‘he prefers’.

34. *Greek Grammar* (©1892;1900), pp. 341–342 (§§ 1588,1589).

35. Οἶομαι: one more verb with irregular *averbo*. Οἶω/οἶομαι/οἶμαι/+, ‘to think’, ‘to believe’. In Attic, mainly οἶμαι.

The case of τελέω:

The text has “τέλεσον δώδεκα ἄθλους” and “συνετέλεσε τὸν ἄθλον”.

Τελέω belongs, seemingly, to the contracta group, and, indeed, there is also a *praeteritum imperfectum* ἐτέλουν (which, in other cases, in Homer appears as τέλεον, without augment) but the word (verb and related noun) has a stem ending in –s–: cf. τὸ τέλος ‘the end’ the ending –ος of which came out analogically to other nouns, as –os instead of –es.

This explains that we encounter in the *instans actio* –τελεσ–: τέλεσον (imp. aor. act.) and συνετέλεσε (ind. aor. act.).

The case appears clearer if we have on mind double /ss/ for *instans*: stem ending + instans formant: *eteles–sa* (ἐτέλεσσα), of which usually, but not always, one fricative /s/ has been kept in pronunciation and writing.

In cases, however, in Homer and in dialects, the situation is not this. Cf. Hom. Il. XII 196:

οὐδ’ ἐτέλεσσε φέρων δόμεναι τεκέεσσιν ἐοῖσιν
neither finished he his course, to bring and give it to his little ones.

One could formulate rules like if the verbal stem ends in a short vowel (ᾱ and ε) (e.g. γελᾶσ–, τελεσ–) these short vowels appear also in the non-imperfect stems, or give linguistic explanations (like τελέω < *tel-es-īō³⁶; and *τελεσ–ος > τέλεος > τέλους) but rules may be formulated endlessly, and there always will be an “exception”. Linguistics, on the other hand, naturally, is always useful, but cannot be the aim of beginners’ classes.

Once again, it is more useful to carefully learn by heart the informations given in the entry forms, and what regards verbs, the *averbo*.

At this point, we are near in our classes to understand and to comprise all the necessary forms, which show a different way from the Latin experience.

For τελέω e.g., τελέω, ἐτέλεσα, (future different, not explained yet), τετέλεκα (praes. perf., like τέθηκα in lesson 6), ἐτελέσθην (ind. aor. pass.), and other forms will have to be taken into consideration.

The student is advised *to learn very well all the information* given in the vocabulary together with the main entry. This will be an immense help in following the course of studies in the future.

36. Cf. Helmut Rix, *Historische Grammatik des Griechischen*, 1976: 201[215a].

The heroic hexametre (or –meter)

The text has this passage from Hesiod: Τῆς ἀρετῆς ἰδρῶτα θεοὶ προπάροιθεν ἔθηκαν.

Hesiod, being an epic poet, applied naturally the metric form which was usual in epics: the hexameter. There is much to be learned about this metrical form the real carriers of which are the Homeric poems and their Roman imitations, but some basics can be expounded also at this point.

A hexameter consists of six feet (units), hence “hexa–”, for one line in the poem. Normally, one foot contains one long syllable (“–”) and one equivalent to it, having two short (˘) syllables. The quantity of the vowels, both for Greek and for Latin, must be known for rendering the meter correctly, but it is really the *syllable* which must be long or short. A long vowel, normally, produces a long syllable, but even a short one can yield a long syllable, depending on its consonantal environment.

An average line consisting of six feet has this form:

– ˘˘	– ˘˘	– ˘˘	– ˘˘	– ˘˘	– ˘˘
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.

One unit of this kind is called dactyle (*dactylus*), hence the line is a “dactylic hexameter”.

The two short ones can be replaced by a *single* long one (which give two long units in one foot). This can happen anywhere, but rarely in the fifth foot. If yes, the line is called a *versus spondaicus* (a *versus*, ‘a returning’, to be reminded, originally was *one* line only). The last unit was free; it can be also incomplete.

As is natural, to read a poem as if it were prose is a harsh killing of the poetic nature of the text, given the fact that even an antique prose could be rhythmic! The original function of rhythm was, however, one among many others, an aid, for the minstrels to keep the long epic poems in mind. It is also natural that there was a kind of weight (stress) on the first syllable each time, not indicated above. What is indicated by an acute accent (“’”) is a so-called *ictus*, a beat which came as additional to the original stress. Not everyone accepts the existence of an *ictus*.³⁷ I suggest that the students apply it. As a least gain, even if it is disputed, is a further colour in the oral performance which was the normal practice in antiquity. According to this, one puts an enhanced weight on the very first syllable as indicated, a lesser one in the second foot, again an intensified one in the third, the same with the third on the fourth, a lesser one in the fifth, and again an enhanced one in the beginning last syllable. With the following line in the epic, the same procedure (performance) begins, and so on.

37. E.g., Bernhard Forssmann in Berlin, during one of the Indo-European Summer Courses, said that “he did not believe in ictus”. He was not convincing.

An Indian Addendum to metre

(From: Maurice Winternitz, *A History of Indian Literature I*, 1977 (©1927), pp. 62–63).

Notice how important metre (rhythm) is, and how it is dated to "times immemorial". No doubt, a common feature between Greek and Indian tradition, but not in the sense that either of them influenced the other. This is not possible. But a common source, from which the two traditions took a different direction is well thinkable.

Rhythm, metre, generally, "bound speech", was basic in antiquity, and before. Mysticism of numbers was present also in Greek poetry and tradition.

(Further, the battles the "Aryans" fought against the "Non-Aryans" recall the fights the "immigrants" on Greek soil fought with pre-Greek inhabitants).

How much, in old Indian metres, everything depends on the number of syllables,¹⁾ is proved by the oft-recurring speculations, in the Brāhmaṇas and Upaniṣads, on the mystical significance of the metres, where the mysticism of numbers comes into play, when, for example, it is said, with strange logic: "The words bhūmi (earth), antarikṣa (atmosphere), and dyu (sky) form eight syllables. A Gāyatrī-Pāda consists of eight syllables. Therefore he who knows the Gāyatrī gains the three worlds."²⁾ But that the metres play such a highly important part in the mysticism of ritual, that considered as divine beings, they even receive sacrifices,³⁾ that mythology concern itself with them, especially with the

¹⁾ See Weber, Ind. Stud. 8, 178 f., and H. Weller ZTT, 1, 1922, 115 ff.

²⁾ Bṛhadāraṇyaka-Upaniṣad V, 15. Dyu is to be pronounced as "diu."

³⁾ Vāsiṣṭha-Dharmasūtra, XIII, 3 and elsewhere.

Gāyatrī, which in the form of a bird fetches the Soma from heaven, that they are *created* like other beings by Prajāpati,¹⁾—all this indicates the great age of these metres which were thought to have originated in times immemorial. Thus the age of the metres is also a proof of the age of the hymns themselves.²⁾

The best idea, however, of the great age of these hymns is vouchsafed us by a glance at the geographical and cultural conditions of the time of which they tell us. There we see above all, that the Aryan Indians, at the time when the hymns of the R̥gveda arose, had not nearly as yet spread over the whole of India. We find them still domiciled in the river-land of the Indus (Sindhu), the present Punjab.³⁾ From the West, over the passes of the Hindukush, Aryan tribes had penetrated into "the land of the five rivers," and in the songs of the R̥gveda we still hear of the battles which the Aryans⁴⁾ had to fight with the Dasyu, or the "black skin", as the swarthy aboriginal inhabitants were called. Only slowly amidst continuous fighting against the hated "non-Aryans" (anārya)—the Dasyus or Dāsas, who know no gods, no laws, and no sacrifices—do they press forward towards the East up

¹⁾ See for instance, Śatapatha-Brāhmaṇa VIII, 1, 1-2. How great a rôle the metres play in the symbolism and mysticism of the ritual, may be seen from numerous passages in the liturgical Saṃhitās and in the Brāhmaṇas: See A. Weber, Ind. Stud. 8, pp. 8 ff., 28 ff.

²⁾ See E. V. Arnold, "Vedic Metre," Cambridge 1905, and A. B. Keith and Arnold, JRAS, 1906, 484 ff., 716 ff., 997 ff., on the metre of the R̥gveda as a criterion of its age.

³⁾ According to E. W. Hopkins (the Punjab and the R̥gveda, JAOS., 19, 1898, 19-28) the habitations of the Aryan Indians at the time when the majority of the hymns were composed, should be sought in the neighbourhood of Amballa, between the rivers Sarasouti and Ghuggar. The rivers of the Punjab are praised in the famous "Praise of the Rivers" (nadistuti), Rv. X, 75. Cf. A. Stein, JRAS. 1917, 91 ff. Hertel has not yet convinced me that the oldest parts of the R̥gveda were composed in Iran and not in India (Indo-german. Forschungen, 41, 1923, p. 188).

⁴⁾ Ssk. ārya = Avestic airya = Old Pers. ariya, "the faithful ones," "the people of the same race." Herodotus (VII, 62) says that the Medes called themselves *Apioi*. Thus "Aryan" is the common designation of Indians and Iranians. On the close relationship between the language of the Veda with the old Iranian, see above, p. 41.

Apollo/Ἀπόλλων in grammar and in mythology

Declension:

Ἀπόλλων
 Ἀπόλλωνα/Ἀπόλλω³⁸
 Ἀπόλλωνος
 Ἀπόλλωνι
 ὦ Ἀπολλον³⁹

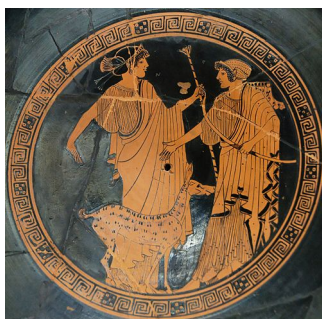
The antique tradition and paramountly the playwrights connected this name with the verb ἀπόλλυμι (cf. ὄλλυμι – a –mi-verb like Vedic bhara-mi) meaning ‘to destroy’ given that Apollon is not only that beautiful and benevolent god we meet him mostly. As so often, in his figure several traits have been united. He is even connected with wolves: Ἀπόλλων Λύκειος.

In tragic poetry there can be an invocation to his destructive nature in the form of a pun: “μὲ ἀπώλεσας” ‘you destroyed me’.

In mythology, he is the twin-brother of Artemis, both of them born on Delos, and son of Zeus and Leto.

Linguistics does not accept the connection (see DELG and Beekes svv.). There are name variants like Ἀπέλλων and Ἀπλουν. He might be of Asia Minor origin though, this too, is uncertain. In a Hittite treaty between Alaksandus (=Ἀλέξανδρος), king of Wilusa (=Ἰλιον, Troy) and the Hittite king, an *Appaliunaš* is mentioned which might be Apollon.

The verb ὄλλυμι (to which cf. ἀπόλλυμι) ‘to ruin’, ‘to destroy’, ‘to lose’⁴⁰ has an IE etymology, and is cognate with verbs meaning ‘to fall’. Beside English, Old High German “fallan”, and Modern German “fallen” ‘to fall’ belong here.



Apollo (left) and [Artemis](#). [Brygos](#) (potter signed), tondo of an Attic red-figure cup c. 470 BC,

38. Cf. βελτίω, κακίω as accusatives in comparative.

39. In poetry, we meet also ὦπολλον or ὦπολλον.

40. In Modern Greek, still today, *Τμήμα Απολεσθέντων Αντικειμένων* ‘Lost Property Office’ (“Απολεσθέντων” from ἀπόλλυμι ‘to lose’).

Paris, [Musée du Louvre](#).

(Source: 1st through 3rd picture - respective Wikipedia-articles; downloaded: 7.11.2020)
 God of music, poetry, art, oracles, archery, plague, medicine, sun, light and knowledge



[Apollo Belvedere](#), ca. 120–140 CE (Rome, Vatican Museum;)

Artist	after Leochares
Abode	Mount Olympus
Symbol	Lyre , laurel wreath, python , raven , bow and arrows
Parents	Zeus and Leto
Siblings	Artemis
Children	Asclepius , Troilus , Aristaeus , Orpheus
Roman equivalent	Apollo

Marsyas' terrible punishment: he dared to challenge Apollo. For this reason, the god hung him up and flayed him alive



[Marsyas](#) under Apollo's punishment, [Istanbul Archaeology Museum](#)

Apollo Lykaeos:



Another Apollo Lykaeos? This seems to be a representation of the Apollo statue from Tarsus (Cilicia). Here, Apollo seems to be holding two wolves at their forelegs, one in each hand (c. A.D.235–238; SNG Paris 1590). We also find 5th-century BC obols from Tarsus showing the god Ba'al and the forepart of a wolf (SNG Paris 444 var.).

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Apollo Belvedere (above; same source)

The ***Apollo Belvedere*** (also called the ***Pythian Apollo*** or ***Apollo of the Belvedere***) is a celebrated [marble sculpture](#) from [Classical Antiquity](#).

The *Apollo* is now thought to be an original Roman re-creation of [Hadrianic](#) date (ca. 120–140). The distinctively Roman foot-wear is one reason scholars believe it is not a copy of an original Greek statue. It was rediscovered in central Italy in the late 15th century during the [Italian Renaissance](#) and was placed on semi-public display in the [Vatican Palace](#) in 1511, where it remains. It is now in the *Cortile del Belvedere* of the [Pio-Clementine Museum](#) of the [Vatican Museums](#) complex.

From the mid-18th century it was considered the greatest ancient sculpture by ardent [neoclassicists](#), and for centuries it epitomized the ideals of [aesthetic perfection](#) for Europeans and westernized parts of the world.

Mythology

Herakles and the Nemean Lion

Herakles' first ἄθλος was to slay the Nemean Lion (usually: Νέμεος, not Νεμέος, Λέων, see Wikipedia-article). Commonly conceived as a dangerous real lion, frequently also a kind of monster understood in different ways. Herakles killed the monster, and covered his body with its skin. This was the λεοντή or λεοντέη (sc. δορά), his distinctive garment (coat) through all his life.

Scholarship maintains that lions, not present any more in Greece, were a living animal population until about 100 B.C.



Painter of London B 620:

Herakles and the Nemean Lion. Attic white-ground black-figured [oinochoe](#), ca. 520–500 BC. From [Vulci](#).

British Museum, Current location: Main floor, room 14, Greek & Rome.

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One of the most venerable myths of ancient Greece is that of the first labor of Herakles, the slaying of the Nemean Lion. The skin of this beast was impenetrable, and Herakles was forced to wrestle and finally strangle him. Using the lion's own claws, he removed the skin and then wore it as a coat of armor.



Herakles and the Nemean Lion from an Attic Black-Figure amphora by Psiax, (Vulci, Latium), ca. 525 B.C.

Detail from an Athenian black-figure clay vase, about 520 B.C.
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Περὶ τῶν Ἡρακλέους ἄθλων

Exercises

Translate:

Herakles revealed his future strength.

As a new-born, already, he strangled the serpents sent by Hera.

When he was an adolescent, on the order of Apollon (having received a command of) (ὁ Ἀπόλλων, -ωνος) he completed twelve labours.

Decline:

ἡ ἐπιφανὴς πρᾶξις

ὁ μέγας λέων

τὸ καλὸν σῶμα

Find the parts of body met so far adding the attributes that are known and applicable:

Find the forms of verbs met so far:

ἐπιβουλεύω and δηλόω (3rd person sing):

παιδεύω, κινέω, δηλόω (2nd person plur.):

Write something about Herakles:

Write something about Tiryns:

Reading

Students are advised to consult in online or other sources:

To authors:

Diodorus Siculus

Hesiod (see above)

To mythology:

Apollo

Auge(i)as

Heracles (see also above)

Alpheios river

To metrics:

metre (in poetry)

hexametre