

Table of Greek Characters and Diphthongs

Character		Name of Character	Pronunciation of Character Name	Sound of Character (Erasmic)	Vowels: Long or Short
Capital	Small				
A	α	ἄλφα (alpha)	ahl'-fuh	a in <u>fa</u> ther, <u>all</u>	short, long
B	β	βῆτα (beta)	bay'-tuh	b in <u>bo</u> y	
Γ	γ	γάμμα (gamma)	gah'-muh	g in <u>go</u> t	short
Δ	δ	δέλτα (delta)	del'-tuh	d in <u>do</u> g	
E	ε	ἔψιλον (epsilon)	ep'-sih-lon	e in <u>ge</u> t	long
Z	ζ	ζῆτα (zeta)	zay'-tuh	dz in <u>adz</u> , z in <u>zo</u> o	
H	η	ἦτα (eta)	ay'-tuh	e in <u>debu</u> t	short, long
Θ	θ	θῆτα (theta)	thay'-tuh	th in <u>thin</u>	
I	ι	ἰῶτα (iota)	yo'-tuh	i in <u>pi</u> n, <u>pi</u> zza	short
K	κ	κάππα (kappa)	kah'-puh	k in <u>ki</u> d	
Λ	λ	λάμβδα (lambda)	lahm'-duh	l in <u>li</u> d	short
M	μ	μῦ (mu)	moo	m in <u>me</u>	
N	ν	νῦ (nu)	new	n in <u>no</u>	short
Ξ	ξ	ξῖ (xi)	ksee	x in <u>wax</u>	
O	ο	ὀμικρον (omicron)	ah'-mih-kron	o in <u>shor</u> t	short, long
Π	π	πί (pi)	pea	p in <u>pi</u> n	
P	ρ	ῥῶ (rho)	row	r in <u>re</u> d	short, long
Σ	σ,ς	σίγμα (sigma)	sig'-muh	s in <u>so</u>	
T	τ	ταῦ (tau)	rhymes with "cow"	t in <u>ti</u> n	short, long
Υ	υ	ὑψιλον (upsilon)	oop'-sih-lon	u in <u>lu</u> te	
Φ	φ	φῖ (phi)	fee	f in <u>fi</u> n	long
X	χ	χῖ (chi)	kee	ch in <u>ache</u>	
Ψ	ψ	ψῖ (psi)	psee	ps in <u>upse</u> t	long
Ω	ω	ὠμέγα (omega)	oh-meh'-gah	o in <u>no</u> te	

Diphthongs	Pronunciation	Example of Use
αι	ai in <u>ais</u> le	δίκαιος
ει	ei in <u>ve</u> il	εἰρήνη
οι	oi in <u>oi</u> l	οἶκος
αυ	au in <u>sauerkra</u> ut	αὐτός
ευ	eu in <u>feud</u> ; u in <u>deuce</u>	εὐαγγέλιον, πιστεύω
ου	ou in <u>sou</u> p	δούλος
υι	like uee in <u>que</u> en	υἱός
ηυ	"ay-oo"	προσηυξάμην
ωυ	"owe" + "oo": "owe-oo"	(very rare)

Note: not all combinations of two vowels are diphthongs. For example, the ιε of ἱερόν, “temple” is two distinct syllables. The word is three syllables in length. The ιω of ἰῶτα (the character) is two syllables, so the word is three syllables, although it is pronounced as two, as noted in the listing above. Likewise, ια in ἰάομαι, “to heal,” is two syllables, so the word is four syllables.