

A mini dose of ancient Greek

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This brief “crash” course introduces the participants to the elements of ancient Greek. Starting from the alphabet, we proceed to discuss the most important points of grammar. As far as verbforms are concerned, the focus is mainly on the present tense.

The teaching material consists of aphorisms of Menander or sentences attributed to him. In addition, there are examples of the best-known adages as well as sentences from *Gnomologium Vaticanum*. To help the learning process, the vocabulary, recognisable from common Greek-based terminology, is frequently repeated. Copies of a pilot version of the teaching material, consisting of texts, a running vocabulary and tables of morphology, are distributed to the participants. In the future, if necessary, the present version of the teaching material will be completed to meet the needs of more demanding courses and, on the basis of the feedback from the participants, will perhaps be expanded to be published in a book form.