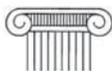


Introduction



Getting Started

Greek instructors will know what they need to do with the material in this text to accomplish their classroom objectives. Some will choose to begin immediately with the Greek grammar material. Others will choose to work through the English Appendix material first to review the basics of English grammar before proceeding to introduce elements of Greek grammar.

Instructors can use the English Appendix flexibly. They might choose to study the English material in whole at one time or only in part, that is, in targeted selections. Applicable English material also could be referenced at various points along the way through the Greek grammar.

Students studying independently will have to evaluate their own needs. I could suggest that if you jump right into the Greek but constantly are getting an “I just don’t get it” reaction, you might want to see if working through the English review helps. Students who have studied some Greek, but a long time ago, also might want to start with the English review first. Getting warmed back up to Greek might really need getting warmed back up to English.

Providing you, the student, an answer key is a help and a hindrance. The help is positive feedback, the reassurance that you are getting the material. The hindrance is a crutch, the illusion that you are learning when you are missing most

of the questions that do not have an answer given. That problem, of course, boils down to each individual student's own motives and agenda. Use the answer key, but be sure you truly are learning the material.

This text may fulfill all your purposes for studying New Testament Greek. On the other hand, an inquiring mind probably will want to know more than is presented in this text. Your next step would be to buy a copy of my earlier work, *New Testament Greek* (University Press of America, 1997) as a desk reference. The material in that text is presented similarly, but in greater depth. From there you could move on to study issues of syntax, textual criticism, and exegesis. Fortunately, a greater interest in New Testament Greek has spawned quite a number of recent works to be consulted in further study. The resources are abundant.

