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ABOUT THIS WORKBOOK

T HIS WORKBOOK may be used as supplementary material in a college course, homeschool setting, or self-directed study in reading, writing, listening, and pronouncing Biblical Greek. It includes written exercises, tests, answer keys, and audiovisual drills and reading passages in downloadable mp3 sound files.

The exercises and sound files will prove equally helpful for those interested also in reading, writing, and pronouncing Neohellenic (Modern Greek).



GREEK SCRIPT AND THE MANUSCRIPTS

1.1 Origin of the Greek script

From around 1000 BC, the Greeks began to gradually adopt their alphabet from the Phoenicians, a Semitic-speaking maritime people who prospered on the southeastern Mediterranean coast. This is supported not only by tradition, but also by the fact that the form, order, and names of the letters of the Greek and Phoenician alphabets show a striking resemblance. At first, the borrowed Greek alphabet represented consonant sounds only. Later the Greeks ingeniously added vowel symbols to their alphabet to represent the attested five-vowel sound system of Greek: /i, e, a, o, u/.

1.2 Significance of the Greek script

Greek writing became of immeasurable worth to the world in two ways: first, it became the dress of a world language and thus the mediator of a world civilization; and second, all alphabets used in Europe and parts of Asia today are directly or indirectly related to the ancient Greek alphabet. The Greeks improved their alphabet to such a degree that in the past three millennia it has provided the vehicle of expression for the thoughts and ideas of peoples of all races, creeds and tongues, and the foundation of western art, philosophy, science, and religion.

1.3 Script of NT manuscripts

The *monumental script* of Classical Greek, also known as *lapidary script* or *stone majuscule* (uppercase/capital) is still used in Greece today. Over the years, more expeditious forms of those same letters developed. Thus, from the Classical Greek alphabet there sprang a form of large capital letters known as *majuscules* and later, from about the 3rd to the 8th c. AD, a form of roundish "inch-high" capital letters known as *uncials* (*uncial script*)—see p. 2. The earlier manuscripts (MSS) were written in large capital letters running together and without spaces or punctuation in this manner:

ENAPXHHNONOFOCKAIONOFOCHNTPOCTONOEON INTHEBEGINNINGWASTHEWORDANDTHEWORDWASWITHGO English 7 D

Between the 7th and 9th c. AD a cursive style of writing developed called *minuscule script*, a form of lowercase letters. Punctuation, accent marks, and spaces were used (see 1.5). The great majority of NT MSS, being of a later date, follow this style. The development of the cursive style and lowercase letters was partly due to improved writing materials.

THE GREEK ALPHABET

2.1 Comparing Greek and English letters

Upon examining the Greek alphabet, an English-speaking person not familiar with Greek will readily notice that:

• 14 capital letters look like English capital letters

ABEZHIKMNOPTYX

• 10 capital letters do not resemble any English capital letters

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• and most of the lowercase letters look "un-English"

2.2 Phonetic transliteration

Most Greek letters represent the same or approximately the same sounds in English. You will do well, however, to initially rely partly on transliteration, that is, substituting English letters for their Greek counterparts. Transliteration can be a practical guide until you learn some basic Greek phonics rules; for as you will find, in Greek the correlation between spelling and sound—in stark contrast to English—is consistent.

Like the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), the transliteration employed in this work is a letter-for-sound transcription method that consistently substitutes the same English letter(s) for the same Greek sound. Aided by the consistent correlation between Greek spelling and sound, this method incorporates as well certain euphonic effects so as to enable you to read and pronounce Greek in a manner that is intelligible to native speakers of Greek from the very start.

2.3 Neohellenic and the HGP

The Historical Greek Pronunciation (HGP) consists of the historical Greek sounds preserved in Neohellenic and whose unbroken written record is traced to Hellenistic and pre-Hellenistic times. The phonemic sounds of Neohellenic ("Modern" Greek) therefore are not modern but historical. The present guide will thus enable you to read and pronounce Greek, assured that no "reconstructed," "restored," "imperial," "Erasmian," or other customized pronunciation can come closer to Biblical Greek than Neohellenic.

2.4 The 24 Greek letters and their sounds



	Capital letter	Lower- case		nounced n bold prin			in phonet teration	tic
1	\mathbf{A}	α	а	art			álfa	"alpha"
2	В	β	٧	Va	- 4		víta	
3	Γ	γ	g	_	erpi	"	g áma	"gamma"
			у		Excerpt			
4	Δ	δ	d	1	, y 00		d élta	
5	${f E}$	ε	е				épsilon	
6	Z	ζ	Z	zebra			zíta	
7	H	η	i	ski	between deed / did		íta	
8	Θ	θ	th	th in			thíta	
9	Ι	L	i	ski	between deed / did		ióta, yóta	a
10	K	κ	k	K leenex	unaspirated "dry" k		kápa	"kappa"
11	Λ	λ	ı	lion			lám d a	"lambda"
12	M	μ	m	m e			mi	
13	N	ν	n	no			ni	
14	Ξ	ξ	ks	than ks			ksi	
15	O	0	0	or			ómikron	"omicron"
16	Π	π	р	press	unaspirated "dry" p		pi	
17	P	ρ	r	\rightarrow	trilled ${\bf r}$ or tapped ${\bf t}$ as in butter	er	ro	
18	$oldsymbol{\Sigma}$	σ,ς	S	S O			sí g ma	
19	\mathbf{T}	τ	t	a t las	unaspirated "dry" t		taf	
20	\mathbf{Y}	\mathbf{v}	i	ski	between deed / did		ípsilon	
21	Φ	φ	f	fee			fi	
22	\mathbf{X}	χ	h	he	Span. Mexico, ojo "continuou	ıs k "	hi	
23	Ψ	ψ	ps	Pepsi			psi	
24	$\mathbf{\Omega}$	ω	0	or			ome g a	

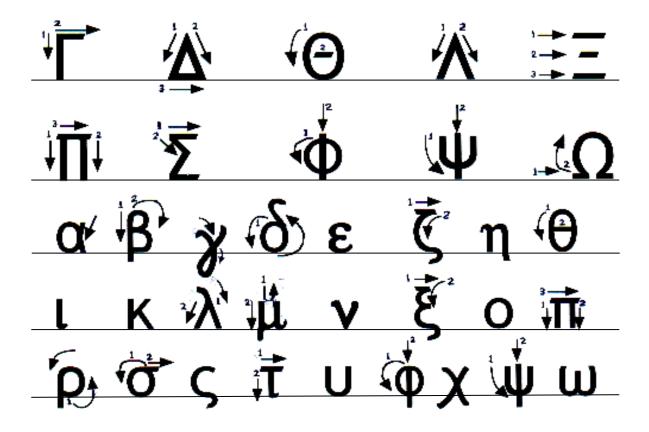
	Vowel Digraphs	Transliterated	Pronounced as in
1	αυ	av, af	br av o, pil af
2	ευ	ev, ef	ever, left
3	ηυ	iv, if	believe, belief
4	αι	е	s ai d
5	ov	ou	y ou
6	ει οι υι	i	sk i (between d ee d / d i d)

2.5 Forming the Greek letters

- γ handwritten $\gamma,\,\gamma$ has an elongated (closed or open) loop extended below the line
- η begins with a downward "hook" with its first stroke resting on the line and the second extended below the line
- µ looks like the English "u" but with a stroke extended below the line
- ${f v}$ is pointed like "v" do not confuse it with γ
- **v** is rounded at the bottom—not like "v" or "u"
- ω is rounded at the bottom—not like "w"

 $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ & $\boldsymbol{\varsigma}$ look similar, but $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ is taller and more open and with a "hook" on top

All capital letters rest on the line. To form the capital and lowercase letters, follow the direction of the numbered strokes:



Exercise 2.a Use the bottom half of the page to copy these letters.

α	β	γ	δ	3	5	η	θ
L	К	λ	μ	ν	ξ	O	π
ρ	σ, ς	τ, τ	υ	φ	χ	Ψ	ω
		<u> </u>	Θ		Λ		
П			Ф		Y)

Exercise 2.d Transliterate these words using the following phonetic transliteration key:



 α β γ δ ϵ ζ η θ ι κ λ μ ν ξ o π ρ σ, ζ τ v φ χ ψ ω ov a v g d e z i th i k l m n ks o p r s t i f h ps o ou

Note *strike-thru* g, d (*not* like English g, d). Transliterate all ι -sounds (η, ι, υ) as i in ski.

The accent (') serves as a pronunciation guide. You need not use it in transliteration. It is *extremely* important that you raise (accentuate) the accented syllable to a higher pitch.

διότι	κύριος	ιχθύς	αδελφός
because	lord	fish	brother
Ιησούς	Χριστός	ψαλμός	cerpt
Jesus	Christ	psalm	
ζωή	φως	life	αγάπη
life	light		love
θεός	θέλημα	σαρξ	ουρανός
God	_{will}	flesh	heaven, sky
λόγος	αληθώς	χάρις	θυγάτηρ
word	truly	grace	daughter

THE GREEK CONSONANTS

3.1 Voiced and voiceless consonants



A *voiced* consonant is one produced with the vocal cords in vibration, and a *voiceless* or *unvoiced* consonant is one produced with the vocal cords at rest.

Voiced:	β	γ	δ	ζ	λ	μ	ν	ρ	
Voiceless:	θ	ж	ξ	π	σ, ς	τ	ф	χ	ψ
Voiced - voice	eless pa	irs: β	-ф	γ-χ	δ	- θ	ζ-σ	΄, ς	

3.2 Euphonic b, d, g

Greek has no letters for the sounds **b**, **d**, **g**, but uses $\mu\pi$ (mp), $\nu\tau$ (nt), $\gamma\gamma/\gamma\kappa$ (gg/gk) **euphonically** thus: $\mu\pi = mb$, $\nu\tau = nd$, $\gamma\gamma/\gamma\kappa = ng$, where voiceless π , τ , κ , after nasal μ , ν , become voiced **b**, **d**, **g**.

,		, , , , , g		Euphonic pron.	
1	μπ m	nb ἔμπορος ἄμπελος	emporos ampelos	em b oros am b elos	merchant vineyard, vine
2	ντ no	d ἐντός πάντοτε	entos pantote	en d os pan d ote	within always
3	γγ, γκ η	g ὄγγος ἀγκάλη	oggos agkali	ongos angali (3.3)	weight embrace

The same occurs at word juncture when a word ends in ν (n) and the following word begins with π , τ , or κ .

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					Euphonic pron.	
4	ν-π	mb	τον πατέρα την πόλιν	ton patera tin polin	to m b atera ti m b olin	the father (acc.) the city (acc.)
5	ν-τ	nd	εν τούτω τον Τίτον	en touto ton Titon	en d outo ton D iton	in this (dat.) Titus (acc.)
6	ν-κ	ng	την καρδίαν τον καρπόν	tin kar d ian ton karpon	tin g ar d ian ton g arpon	the heart (acc.) the fruit (acc.)

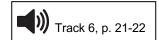
3.5 Reading practice

Read these words or parts of words aloud. Raise accented syllables to a higher pitch and make them more audible than the unaccented syllables. There is only one vowel per syllable. Pronounce it distinctly and clearly.



1.	A ,α a: a	E,ε e	Η ,η i	Ι, ι i	Y,v i	O,o o	Ω,ω	OY,ov u
2.	άε	άη	άω	έω	ώου	ία	ίε	iov
	a-e	a-i	a-o	e-o	o-ou	i-a	i-e	i-ou
3.	βίο	Bέα	έβη	άβω	βίε	όβω	ύβω	ώβου
	vi-o	ve-a	e-vi	a-vo	vi-e	o-vo	i-vo	o-vou
4.	άγω	γή	αγκάλη	συναγωγή	αγίου	εγώ	λόγου	εγγύς
	a- g o	yi	an-ga-li	si-na- g o-yi	a-yi-ou	e- g o	lo- g ou	en-gis
	I lead	<i>earth</i>	embrace	synagogue	saint's	<i>I</i>	word (gen.)	near
5.	Διά di-a by	διό di-o therefore	i-di-ou one's own	δύο di-o two	δίδω di-do I give	ιδού i- d ou behold	Άδης a- d is <i>Hades</i>	odov o-dou way (gen.)
6.	Zωή	ζυγός	ζάω	γνωρίζω	ζυγού	ζώον	ζών	ζώνη
	zo-i	zi- g os	za-o	gno-ri-zo	zi- g ou	zo-on	zon	zo-ni
	<i>life</i>	yoke	I live	I know	yoke's	animal	living	belt
7.	θεόν the-on god (acc.)	θεώ the-o god (dat.)	Θεού the-ou <i>God's</i>	Θεός the-os <i>God</i>	αθώου a-tho-ou innocent (gen.	αθώω a-tho-o innocent (dat.	άθεος a-the-os) godless	έθνος eth-nos nation
8.	άλλος a-los other	Λέγω le-go <i>I say</i>	λίθου li-thou stone's	βάλλω va-lo I throw/put	λύω li-o I loose/destroy	Λόγον lo- g on word (acc.)	ολίγον o-li-gon a little	καλή ka-li good (f.)
9.	μαθητής	μετά	υμών	ημών	μέχρι	εμού	μέλλω	oμού
	ma-thi-tis	me-ta	i-mon	i-mon	me-hri	e-mou	me-lo	o-mou
	disciple	with/after	your (pl.)	<i>our</i>	<i>until</i>	of me	I intend	together
10.	ένα	νέος	μνήμη	έμαθεν	Γνώμη	νόμος	yóvv	μένω
	e-na	ne-os	mni-mi	e-ma-then	gno-mi	no-mos	go-ni	me-no
	one	new	mention	s/he learned	opinion	<i>law</i>	knee	I dwell
11.	Δόξα	ξηρόν	Ξένος	έξω	όξος	ξύλον	σαρ ξ	άξιος
	do-ksa	ksi-ron	kse-nos	e-kso	o-ksos	ksi-lon	sarks	aksi-os
	glory	dry	stranger	outside	vinegar	wood	flesh	worthy
12.	óπου o-pou where	πόλις po-lis city	λάμπω lam-bo I shine	πύθων pi-thon python	pli-thos	Πλούτος plou-tos wealth, riches	pi-no	πάλιν pa-lin again

4.4 Third group of vowel digraphs ($\upsilon = \beta/\phi$)



Before vowels and voiced consonants, v becomes voiced β [v]. Before voiceless consonants and at end of words, v becomes voiceless φ [f]:

$$\alpha v \rightarrow \text{bravo}$$
 or pilaf

If in doubt (whether $v = V$ or F), pronounce v as an F .

The difference is usually imperceptible.

 $\eta v \rightarrow \text{evil}$ or beef

4.5 Dieresis

The diacritic symbol (") is called **dieresis** (or **diaeresis**) *division*. It is used only with ι and υ ($\ddot{\iota}$, $\ddot{\upsilon}$). Its use is *not* very common. Dieresis indicates that $\ddot{\iota}$ or $\ddot{\upsilon}$ is pronounced as a separate vowel from the letter that precedes it.

Oϊ, ωϊ, ωΰ Pronounce each of these digraphs as two distinct vowels: Ο-ι χο-ϊκός earthy Ἐλω-ῖ (Aram.) my God Μω-ϋσῆς Moses

αϊ, αΰPronounce each of these digraphs as two distinct vowels:α-ι'Ρωμα-ϊστί in Roman πρα-ΰτης meekness

4.6 "Long" and "short" vowels and vowel digraphs

Traditionally, some Greek vowels are called "long," some "short," and still others are called sometimes long, sometimes short. The long-short distinction is a matter of grammar, not pronunciation—it concerns the eye, not the ear. It is a technical distinction originally applied to metrical verse. Attic versifiers first adopted Ionic $H(\eta)$ and $\Omega(\omega)$ as compensatory symbols to mark syllabic length in metrical foot. These marks eventually found their way into the Greek alphabet, officially in 403 BC. Today *long* and *short* are still applied (at the literary level) according to specific grammatical/spelling rules, though there is no audible long-short distinction in actual speech. Learning to identify the long and short vowels will help you understand the grammatical rules of spelling and accentuation.

1. These vowels are *always* 'long': η ω

2. These vowels are *always* 'short': ϵ 0

3. Sometimes long, sometimes short: α ι υ

4. All digraphs are long, but $\alpha \iota$ and $\alpha \iota$ and $\alpha \iota$ are long some rare grammatical cases—e.g., in the optative mood final $\alpha \iota$ and $\alpha \iota$ are long).

Exercise 4.c Transliterate.



 $\alpha \nu$ $\epsilon \nu$ $\eta \nu$ = av ev iv before vowels or voiced β γ δ ζ λ μ ν ρ af ef if elsewhere

 $\epsilon\iota$, $o\iota = [i]$ $\alpha\iota = [e]$ $\gamma\gamma = [\eta g] (sing)$

- 1. αύριον Παύλος αυτός ευθύς δεύτε tomorrow Paul he straight, at once come (pl.)
- 2. βασιλεύ πνεύμα έπαυσεν ευλογέω ταύτης
 King! spirit, breath s/he ceased I bless this one's (f.)
- 3. ελαύνω αυξάνω ζεύγος ηυλόγει θαύμα I increase pair s/he was blessing wonder, miracle
- 4. πιστεύω ηυδόκησα Ησαύ Σαύλος ευχή I believe I was pleased Esau Saul wish
- 5. προσευχή σεαυτόν παρασκευή προσηύξατο Tav prayer yourself preparation s/he prayed (the letter) T
- 6. σκεύος αυτής παύω καυχάομαι ευαγγέλιον vessel her(s) I cease, pause I boast evangel, good news

READING SELECTIONS



6.1 Introductory

The reading section that follows includes six passages from the Greek New Testament and two from the Septuagint. The passages in Exercises 6.b and 6.c are transliterated and translated in interlinear fashion. The remaining six passages are translated only.

Remember that transliteration is a guiding tool meant to help you get aquainted with reading and pronouncing Greek with confidence. After successfully completing this chapter, you should be able to rely more on the Greek text and less on transliteration.

The following transliteration key is applied:

$$\alpha$$
 β γ δ ϵ ζ η θ ι κ λ μ ν ξ o π ρ σ, ζ τ υ ϕ χ ψ ω $o\upsilon$ a v g, y d e z i th i k l m n ks o p r s t i f h ps o ou

$$\epsilon \iota \quad o\iota \quad v\iota = i \qquad \alpha \iota = e \quad (4.2)$$

$$\varepsilon v \alpha v \eta v = \varepsilon v/ef$$
, $\alpha v/af$, iv/if (4.4)

You may ransliterate double consonants (except $\gamma\gamma$) with a single letter:

$$\beta\beta = v$$
 $\kappa\kappa = k$
 $\pi\pi = p$
 $\mu\mu = m$
 $vv = n$
 $\tau\tau = t$
 $\rho\rho = r$
 $\lambda\lambda = 1$
 $\sigma\sigma = s$

Consonant letter(s)	Letter- for-sound transliteration	Euphonic pronunciation transliteration		
μπ ντ γγ γκ (νκ)	mp nt ng¹ nk	mb nd ng ng		(3.2)
γχ ν ξ	nh nks			(3.3)
σ	S	Z befor	re voiced	consonants $\beta \gamma \delta \lambda \mu \nu \rho$ (3.4)

¹ Rarely, as in the case of ἐγγράφω "I imprint," the first γ is pronounced [η] as in sing while the second γ remains fricative ("strike-thru \mathfrak{g} "); similarly, in ἐγκρύπτω "I conceal" κ remains a voiceless stop.

Reading Exercise 6.b John 1:1-34



Phonetic transliteration. An asterisk (*) indicates possible pause at juncture.

1 Ἐν ἀρχῷ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν, καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ En arhí ín o lógos, ke o lógos ín pros ton theón, ke theós ín o In beginning was the word, and the word was with the God, and God was the

πρός τὸν θεόν. 3 πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, λόγος. 2 οὖτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῆ oútos en arhí pros ton theón. pán**d**a di' aftoú evéneto. word. this was in beginning with the God. all by him became,

καὶ χωρὶς αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο οὐδὲ εν δ γέγονεν 4 έν αὐτῶ ζωὴ ἢν, καὶ ἡ en aftó ke aftoú eyéneto oude én ó yégonen zo-í ín. without him became not even one that has become in him life and the

ζωή ἢν τὸ φῶς τῶν ἀνθρώπων 5καὶ τὸ φῶς ἐν τῆ σκοτία φαίνει, καὶ Z0-1 to fós ton anthrópon; ke to fós en di skotía ke was the light of the men; the light in the darkness shines, life and and

σκοτία αὐτὸ οὐ κατέλαβεν. 6 Ἐγένετο ἄνθρωπος ἀπεσταλμένος ή παρὰ ánthropos apestalménos aftó katélaven. Evéneto para oú the darkness it not overtook. There was man sent from

ὄνομα αὐτῶ 'Ιωάννης· 7 οῦτος ήλθεν είς μαρτυρίαν ΐνα theoú. ónoma aftó Ioánis: oútos ílthen iΖ martirían ína John: God. name his this man came for witness that

περί τοῦ φωτός, ἵνα πάντες πιστεύσωσιν δι' μαρτυρήση αὐτοῦ. 8 οὐκ fotós. ína pán**d**es pistéfsosin martirísi peri tou di' aftoú. oúk he might witness about the light, that all might believe through him. Not

άλλ' ίνα μαρτυρήση περί τοῦ φωτός. 9 το φώς τὸ φῶς. ekínos to fós. al' ína martirísi peri tou fotós. he might witness about the was he [=that man] the light, but that light. Was the light

τὸ ἀληθινὸν ὃ φωτίζει πάντα ἄνθρωπον, ἐρχόμενον εἰς τὸν κόσμον. ó fotízi pán**d**a ánthropon, erhómenon alithinón, is gózmon. to ton which enlightens every coming world. the true. man. the

κόσμω ήν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο, καὶ ὁ κόσμος 10 ἐν τῶ kózmo kai kózmos di' aftoú evéneto. kai kózmos \mathbf{d} 0 0 en world and the world him became. in the was. and the world

ίδιοι αὐτὸν αὐτὸν οὐκ ἔγνω. 11 είς τὰ ἴδια ήλθεν, καί jo οů égno. ídia aftón oúk is ta ílthen. ke oi ídii aftón oú him not knew. the own came. the own him not

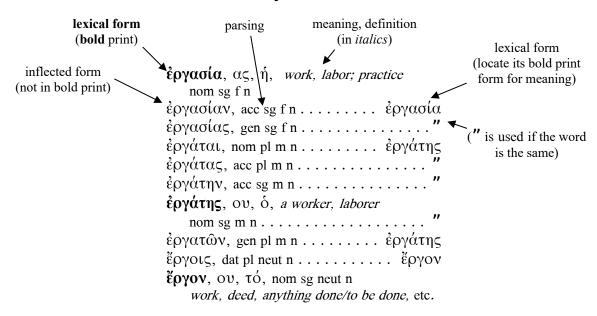
USING AN ANALYTICAL GREEK LEXICON

You have already practiced alphabetizing Greek words. Now you can use that basic skill to access the wealth of information found in an analytical Greek lexicon and other helps, such as commentaries, word studies, etc. The process requires a few simple steps. You will be amazed at the rewards earned through a skill so easily learned.

The following pages of word lists are arranged pretty much the way you will see them in a standard analytical NT Greek lexicon. Because the purpose is straightforward—that is, to help you look up Greek words in all their original text forms—these pages have been simplified, so they do not include references to Scripture verses, and they list only key word meanings.

Except for minor technical differences, various analytical Greek lexicons provide virtually the same lexical, morphological, and grammatical information. Regardless of the analytical (or other) lexicon you use, the following exercises will give you a good headstart. (Note: **Answer Key B**, p. 71, covers Chapter 7.)

Key features



Abbreviations

acc = accusative case, act = active voice, adj = adjective, aor = aorist tense, dat = dative case, dep = deponent verb, f = feminine gender, fut = future tense, gen = genitive case, imper = imperative mood, imperf = imperfect tense, infin = infinitive, m = masculine gender, mid = middle voice, n = noun, neut = neuter gender, nom = nominative case, part = participle, pass = passive voice, perf = perfect tense, pers = person, pl = plural, pluperf = pluperfect tense, sg = singular, subj = subjunctive mood, voc = vocative case



This extra test package will help you to further develop your reading, writing, pronunciation, and comprehension skills.

The page number referenced at the top of each test page conveniently takes you to an earlier page in the Workbook where you will find a similar test or exercise (and which you may/should have already completed).

You may use each test page concurrently with its referenced page in the Workbook, or you may use the entire package for evaluation and reinforcement after completing the first five chapters.

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