Greek 111 W. A. Johnson Accents, #3

## 1. Proclitics and enclitics

*Proclitics* and *enclitics* generally have no accent. Both groups consist of small words that attach themselves so closely to an adjoining word that a separate accent is not felt to be necessary.

*Proclitics* (προκλίνω, lean forward) are words that attach themselves closely to the following word.

Proclitics:  $\dot{o}$ ,  $\dot{\eta}$ , oi,  $\alpha i$  (forms of the definite article)

ἐν, ἐκ, εἰς (=ἐς) (prepositions) εἰ, ὡς (introductory conjunctions)

où (negative adverb, usually introductory)

*Enclitics* (ἐγκλίνω, lean on, cf. *incline*) are words that attach themselves closely to the preceding word.

Enclitics always change a grave on the preceding word to acute.

## Enclitics generally force the addition of a second accent when

1/ after acute the combination of a word+enclitic creates more than two unaccented syllables 2/ after circumflex the combination creates more than one unaccented syllable.

Enclitics: μου, μοι, με ; σου, σοι, σε (personal pronouns)

είμι, κτλ.; φημι, κτλ. (irregular verbs)

γε, τε, τοι, περ (particles)

τις, τι (indefinite pronouns: "some")

που, πη, ποι, ποθεν, ποτε, πω, πως (indefinite adverbs)

Examples: ποταμός τις, ποταμοί τινες, κωμῶν τις

ἄνθρωπός τις, ἄνθρωποί τινες ἀνθρώπου τινός, ἀνθρώπων τινῶν

ἀνθρώπου τινός, πλοῖόν τι

Enclitics worksheet (use the examples above as your model)

έγω μεν κτλ έγω γε

καὶ ἐγὼ καὶ σὺ κτλ και με και σε

ό ἀγρὸς καί ἡ γῆ κτλ ὁ ἀγρος τε και ἡ γῆ

τὴν θάλατταν κτλ θαλατταν τινα

τῷ ἀνθρώπω κτλ ἀνθρωπω μοι

τῷ ἀνθρώπω κτλ ἀνθρωπω τινι