

Lesson Six: Second Declension Nouns (Module A)
Masculine Nouns and the Article
The Nominal System (Part 1)
Study Aid Level One: Proclitic Dictation

Four of the twenty-four Greek article forms are not accented. These are the masculine and feminine singular and plural nominative forms.

ὁ, οἱ, ἡ, and αἱ

Because these forms of the article lack an accent, they are proclitics for pronunciation purposes. A proclitic word "leans forward" onto the following word for the purposes of intonation. A proclitic is rapidly pronounced without a pause between itself and the following word. In this manner, the proclitic and the word that follows are phonetically integrated together--as if the two separate words were one--and pronounced as one. Study the following examples and follow the pronunciation guide of the instructor.

[listen](#) ὁ ὁ λόγος, ὁ θεός, ὁ κύριος

[listen](#) οἱ οἱ λόγοι, οἱ θεοί, οἱ κύριοι

The next two forms of the article modify feminine substantives. Feminine nouns have not yet been introduced. The following examples, however, are cited to illustrate the feminine nominative forms as proclitics.

[listen](#) ἡ ἡ ἀδελφή, ἡ φωνή, ἡ πηγή

[listen](#) αἱ αἱ ἀδελφαί, αἱ φωναί, αἱ πηγαί

The following exercise illustrates the pronunciation of different proclitic combinations of the article's masculine nominative singular and plural forms with this lesson's vocabulary.

1. [listen](#) ὁ μῦθος, οἱ μῦθοι
2. [listen](#) ὁ λεπρός, οἱ λεπροί
3. [listen](#) ὁ οἶκος, οἱ οἴκοι
4. [listen](#) ὁ κύριος, οἱ κύριοι

5. [listen](#) ὁ ὀρφονός, οἱ ὀρφονοί
6. [listen](#) ὁ θρόνος, οἱ θρόνοι
7. [listen](#) ὁ βάρβαρος, οἱ βάρβαροι
8. [listen](#) ὁ θεός, οἱ θεοί
9. [listen](#) ὁ κόσμος, οἱ κόσμοι
10. [listen](#) ὁ διάκονος, οἱ διάκονοι
11. [listen](#) ὁ ἄγγελος, οἱ ἄγγελοι
12. [listen](#) ὁ ἀπόστολλος, οἱ ἀπόστολλοι
13. [listen](#) ὁ νόμος, οἱ νόμοι
14. [listen](#) ὁ ψαλμός, οἱ ψαλμοί
15. [listen](#) ὁ δοῦλος, οἱ δοῦλοι
16. [listen](#) ὁ ἀντίχριστος, οἱ ἀντίχριστοι
17. [listen](#) ὁ ἄνθρωπος, οἱ ἄνθρωποι
18. [listen](#) ὁ ἀδελφός, οἱ ἀδελφοί
19. [listen](#) ὁ λόγος, οἱ λόγοι