

## Semantic Uses of Greek Prepositions

Some alternate forms are given in parentheses: before a word that begins with a vowel + rough breathing, the aspirated form will be found (e.g., *ἀντί* will become *ἀνθ'*); before a word that begins with a vowel + smooth breathing, a final vowel will drop (e.g., *ἀντί* will become *άντ'*)

Preposition	+ Accusative	+ Dative	+ Genitive
<i>ἀμφί</i>	Place: on, around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place: round about</li> <li>Reference: concerning</li> </ul>	Reference: concerning, for the sake of
<i>ἀνά</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place + motion: up (elevation)</li> <li>Place - motion &amp; Time: throughout</li> <li>Distributive: day "by" day</li> </ul>	on, upon	of ships: on board
<i>ἀντί</i> ( <i>ανθ'</i> )			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place: opposite, before</li> <li>Comparison: instead of, compared with, worth</li> </ul>
<i>ἀπό</i> ( <i>ἀφ'</i> )			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place + motion: away from</li> <li>Place - motion: far from</li> <li>Time: from, after since</li> <li>Origin: born from</li> <li>Means: by, with</li> <li>Cause: by reason of</li> <li>Material: made of</li> </ul>
<i>διά</i> ( <i>δι'</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place: through(out)</li> <li>Time: during, by</li> <li>Purpose: on account of</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place: through, out from among, at a distance of</li> <li>Time: through(out), during, since, after</li> <li>Means: by, through</li> <li>Cause: come about "from"</li> <li>Manner: with e.g., care</li> </ul>
<i>εἰς</i> ( <i>έξ</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place: into</li> <li>Time: until</li> <li>+ numbers: about, up to</li> <li>Purpose: for; hostility: against</li> <li>Reference: in regard to</li> </ul>		only with an understood ellipsis: <i>εἰς ἰδου</i> : to (the house of) Hades
<i>ἐκ</i> ( <i>έξ</i> )			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place + motion: out of, from</li> <li>Place - motion: from, on</li> <li>Partitive: out of (all)</li> <li>Time: since / from (the time when), after</li> <li>Origin: born from</li> <li>Material: (made) of</li> <li>Cause (motive): because of</li> <li>Personal Agent + pass.: by</li> <li>Manner + neut. adj. = adverb</li> </ul>

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<i>ἐν (ἐνί)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place: in, at</li> <li>• Accompaniment: among, in the number / presence of</li> <li>• Manner: wearing ____; in accordance with</li> <li>• Means / instrument: by, with</li> <li>• Agent: in the power of</li> <li>• Time: at, during, within</li> </ul>	
<i>ἐνεκα</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purpose: on account of, for the sake of</li> <li>• Reference: as far as regards, concerning</li> </ul>
<i>ἐξω (ἐκτός)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place - motion: outside of, out of reach of</li> <li>• Partitive: except</li> </ul>
<i>ἐπί (ἐφ')</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: to, towards; + hostility: against</li> <li>• Place - motion: (extending) over</li> <li>• Time: for, during, up to, until</li> <li>• Purpose: for, to, to get</li> <li>• w/ numbers: three deep, up to, nearly, about</li> <li>• Respect: by</li> <li>• Reference: for, as far as concerns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place: on; + hostility: against, opposite</li> <li>• Time: in, on, after</li> <li>• Partitive: in addition to</li> <li>• Purpose: with a view to, for</li> <li>• Reference: e.g., to laugh "at" someone, be proud "of" something</li> <li>• Cause: on, on the condition that</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: for, towards</li> <li>• Place - motion: at, on, upon</li> <li>• Time: in, in the course of</li> <li>• Agent: by (one's own power), in charge of</li> <li>• w/ numbers: by threes, three deep</li> <li>• Accompaniment: before, in the presence of</li> <li>• Cause: the "grounds" on which a thing happens</li> </ul>
<i>κατά (καθ')</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: down (elevation), along; "by" land or sea</li> <li>• Place - motion: upon, at, among; "on" land or sea</li> <li>• Time: throughout, during, in the course of, in the age of</li> <li>• Distributively: arranged "by" tribes; year "by" year</li> <li>• Purpose: for, in search of</li> <li>• Reference: according to, in relation to, concerning, "to" e.g., the best of one's ability</li> <li>• Manner: "in" this way</li> <li>• w/ numbers: nearly, about</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: down from</li> <li>• Manner: down upon, down to</li> <li>• Reference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) to shoot "at" someone</li> <li>b) to swear "upon" a thing</li> <li>c) a speech "against" the accused; "in answer to" an accusation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<i>μετά (μεθ')</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: coming into or among</li> <li>• Place - motion: after, next after, behind; also to indicate rank, e.g., the fairest "after" Achilles</li> <li>• Time: after, next to</li> <li>• Accompaniment: among, in, between</li> <li>• Purpose: in pursuit of</li> <li>• Reference: according to, as</li> </ul>	<p>Poetic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompaniment: in company with</li> <li>• Partitive: besides, over and above</li> <li>• Manner: in the midst of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompaniment: with, in the midst of, among, between</li> <li>• Means: by, with</li> </ul>
<i>παρά (παρ')</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: to (the side of), towards; to go "by, past" a place, e.g., of missing, to go "by or beyond" the target</li> <li>• Place - motion: beside</li> <li>• Time: during (the course of)</li> <li>• contrary to, against</li> <li>• Partitive: except, besides</li> <li>• Degree of difference: within, almost, by e.g., a great margin</li> <li>• in comparison with, as if; day "by" day; more than</li> </ul>	<p>Place - motion: beside, by</p> <p>Accompaniment: in the presence of, at the home of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: from (the side of)</li> <li>• Separation: from the side of a person</li> <li>• Origin: (proceeding) from</li> <li>• Personal Agent + passive: by</li> </ul>
<i>περί</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place - motion: around, about, near</li> <li>• Accompaniment: to indicate attendants, e.g., those "around / with" the general</li> <li>• Purpose: busy "about" or concerned "with" a thing</li> <li>• Reference: in relation / regard to</li> <li>• Time &amp; numbers: about</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place - motion: around, about, hard by, near</li> <li>• Purpose: to fight "for"; also of the object of anxiety, care or confidence: "for" "about" "on account of"</li> <li>• Manner: to jump "for" joy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place - motion: around, near</li> <li>• Reference: concerning a person or subject, as to</li> <li>• Purpose: for, concerning (also of the goal of action)</li> <li>• Cause: to express motive, "for" the sake of</li> <li>• Partitive: above, before, beyond (all)</li> <li>• Value: "of" ___ concern or worth</li> </ul>
<i>πρό</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place - motion: before, in front of (esp. of defending a place); further on</li> <li>• Separation: to leave "before" someone else</li> <li>• Time: before</li> <li>• Comparison: rather than, instead of</li> <li>• Cause: because of, for</li> </ul>

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<i>πρός</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: to, towards, upon</li> <li>• + hostility: against; of a speech "in reply / answer to"</li> <li>• Reference: speak "to" a person; with a view to, in regard to, relating to, suitable to, "upon", e.g., hearing the news</li> <li>• Time: towards, near on</li> <li>• Purpose: to / for a thing</li> <li>• Comparison: in proportion to, compared to</li> <li>• Manner: "by" force, "in" season</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: upon, to</li> <li>• Place - motion: near, at, on</li> <li>• Partitive: in addition to, besides</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: from</li> <li>• Place - motion: on the side of, in the direction of; + hostility: against</li> <li>• Source: from the hand of</li> <li>• Personal Agent + passive: from, by</li> <li>• Accompaniment: in the presence of, before</li> <li>• Reference: suitable or becoming to, characteristic of</li> </ul>
<i>σύν (ξύν)</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accompaniment: with, in the company of, with ___s help, on ___s side</li> <li>• Manner: "bearing" e.g., arms; in accordance with</li> <li>• Purpose: with e.g., advantage to you</li> <li>• Means / instrument: by, with</li> </ul>	
<i>ὑπέρ</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: over, beyond</li> <li>• Comparison: exceeding, beyond e.g., what is right; contrary to</li> <li>• of number and measure: above, up to and over, more than</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: over, across, beyond</li> <li>• Place - motion: over, above</li> <li>• Purpose: on behalf of a person, for the sake of a thing</li> <li>• Reference: concerning</li> </ul>
<i>ὑπό (ὑφ')</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: (towards and) under; to bring "before" judgment</li> <li>• Place - motion: under</li> <li>• Time: about the time of, near, towards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place - motion: under</li> <li>• Cause: by reason of</li> <li>• Accompaniment: under the power of someone; to have "under" one's command</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place + motion: from under</li> <li>• Place - motion: under, beneath</li> <li>• Personal agent + passive: by</li> <li>• Accompaniment: under the power of someone</li> <li>• Cause: by reason of, by, from</li> <li>• Attendant circumstance: accompanied by; "at" e.g, a sound; "to" e.g., the sound of the flute</li> </ul>
<i>ὡς</i>	+ Person: to		