

1. Quiz Quote

νόμος μὲν πάντα κρατύνει.

2. Two-Syllable Epsilon-Contract Verbs

RULE: two-syllable ε-contract verbs like πλέω do NOT contract epsilon (ε) into any “Ο” sound (ο-omicron; ω-omega; ου-, οι-, or ω-diphthong).

Model verb: πλέ-ω, *sail*. Stem πλε-.

	<i>indicative</i>	<i>imperative</i>	<i>infinitive</i>
<i>I</i>	πλέω		πλεῖν
<i>you</i>	πλεῖς	πλεῖ	
<i>he she /it</i>	πλεῖ		
<i>we</i>	πλέομεν		
<i>you (plur)</i>	πλεῖτε	πλεῖτε	
<i>they</i>	πλέουσι(ν)		

3. Middle Forms (present tense)

basic endings	ω-verbs	ε-contract	α-contract
<i>i n d i c a t i v e</i>			
-μαι	φέρ-ομαι	ποι-οῦμαι	τιμ-ῶμαι
-σαι	φέρ-ει / -η (from φέρ-ε-σαι)	ποι-εῖ / -ῆ	τιμ-ᾶ
-ται	φέρ-εται	ποι-εῖται	τιμ-ᾶται
-μεθα	φέρ-όμεθα	ποι-ούμεθα	τιμ-ώμεθα
-σθε	φέρ-εσθε	ποι-εῖσθε	τιμ-ᾶσθε
-νται	φέρ-ονται	ποι-οῦνται	τιμ-ῶνται
<i>i m p e r a t i v e</i>			
-σο	φέρ-ου (from φέρ-ε-σο)	ποι-οῦ	τιμ-ῶ (!!)
-σθε	φέρ-εσθε	ποι-εῖσθε	τιμ-ᾶσθε
<i>i n f i n i t i v e</i>			
-σθαι	φέρ-εσθαι	ποι-εῖσθαι	τιμ-ᾶσθαι

4. MIDDLE VOICE, general considerations.

ACTIVE VOICE VERSUS MIDDLE VOICE versus passive voice.

- *Active voice* (aka “active”) simply indicates action done by the grammatical subject
 - “I’m carrying the brick (and don’t really care one way or the other)”
 - *Middle voice* (aka “middle”) indicates action done BY the grammatical subject, FOR and/or TO the subject
 - As if to have a *special verb form* to convey that I’m carrying the brick — maybe a very special brick — with a personal stake in the action. Maybe it’s a *gold* brick, a coveted prize, and thus something *I do FOR myself!*
 - Also, situations where I do it *to* myself: “I’m moving,” i.e., I’m moving myself
 - *Passive voice* (aka “passive”) indicates action done NOT by the grammatical subject but by someone/something else
- ☞ NOTE THAT ENGLISH, WHILE IT HAS BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE VOICE, LACKS MIDDLE VOICE!

5. Reflexive (intransitive) middle

= Do it to yourself.

λού-ω (active) versus λού-ομαι (middle)

- λού-ω (act) τὸ αὐτοκίνητον = “I’m washing the car”
- λού-ομαι (mid) = “I’m washing myself/am washing up”



κιν-ῶ (active) versus κιν-οὔμαι (middle)

- κιν-ῶ = “I move (something else)”
- κιν-οὔμαι = “I move (myself),” “I am moving”



πείθ-ω (active) versus πείθ-ομαι (middle)

- πείθ-ω = “I persuade” (πείθω τοὺς δοῦλους, *I am persuading the slaves*)
- πείθ-ομαι + dative = “I obey (I persuade myself in relation to another person’s wishes)” (πείθομαι τοῖς δεσπότηαις, *I am obeying the masters*)

☞ Note that in the usage above, the dative indicates that to which the verb refers. *But it is not a direct object!* This is still an intransitive use.

6. Sample Use of IN-transitive (no DO) Middle. ἐγείρομαι, “wake (myself) up.”
(Contrast with active ἐγείρω, “wake [someone else] up.”)

MIDDLE		ACTIVE	
INDICATIVE			
“I wake up”	ἐγείρ-ομαι	“I wake Philip up.”	ἐγείρ-ω τὸν Φίλιππον
“you (sing.) wake up”	ἐγείρ -ει (-η)	“You wake Ph. up.”	ἐγείρ -εις τὸν Φίλιππον
“he/she/it wakes up”	ἐγείρ -εται	“He/she/it wakes Ph. up.”	ἐγείρ -ει τὸν Φίλιππον
“we wake up”	ἐγείρ -όμεθα	“We wake Ph. up.”	ἐγείρ -ομεν τὸν Φίλιππον
“you wake up”	ἐγείρ -εσθε	“You wake Ph. up.”	ἐγείρ -ετε τὸν Φίλιππον
“they wake up”	ἐγείρ -ονται	“They wake Ph. up.”	ἐγείρ -ουσι(ν) τὸν Φίλιππον
IMPERATIVE			
“you (sing.), wake up!”	ἐγείρ -ου	“Wake Ph. up!”	ἔγείρ -ε τὸν Φίλιππον
“you (pl.), wake up”	ἐγείρ -εσθε	“Wake Ph. up!”	ἐγείρ -ετε τὸν Φίλιππον
INFINITIVE			
“to wake up”	ἐγείρ -εσθαι	“to wake Ph. up.”	ἐγείρ -ειν τὸν Φίλιππον

7. Transitive Middle

= personal stake, emotional attachment, personal investment + external direct object

- φέρω (act) versus φέρ-ομαι (mid)
 - φέρω (act) τὸν λίθον = “I carry the stone”
 - φέρ-ομαι (mid) τὸ ἄθλον (the prize) = “I carry off/win the prize!”
- παιδεύω (act.) versus παιδεύ-ομαι (mid.)
 - παιδεύω τὸν παῖδα = “I educate the child”
 - παιδεύ-ομαι τὸν παῖδα = “I send my child to be educated,” “I see to my child’s education/have him educated”
- λύω (act.) versus λύ-ομαι (mid.)
 - λύω = “I free”
 - λύ-ομαι τὸν παῖδά = “I secure the release of / I ransom my child”

8. Sample Use of Transitive Middle. λύομαι, “ransom” (in contrast to active λύω, “release”)

ACTIVE		PASSIVE	
INDICATIVE			
“I ransom my child”	λύ-ομαι τὸν παῖδα	“I release the child”	λύ-ω τὸν παῖδα
“you ransom your child”	λύ-ει (-η) τὸν παῖδα	“you release the child”	λύ-εις τὸν παῖδα
“he/she/it ransoms” [etc.]	λύ-εται τὸν παῖδα	“he/she/it releases the child”	λύ-ει τὸν παῖδα
“we ransom our child”	λυ-όμεθα τὸν παῖδα	“we release the child”	λύ-ομεν τὸν παῖδα
“you ransom your child”	λύ-εσθε τὸν παῖδα	“you release the child”	λύ-ετε τὸν παῖδα
“they ransom their child”	λύ-ονται τὸν παῖδα	“they release the child”	λύ-ουσι τὸν παῖδα
IMPERATIVE			
“you, ransom your child!”	λύ-ου τὸν παῖδα	“you (sing.), release the child!”	λύ-ε τὸν παῖδα
“you, ransom your child!”	λύ-εσθε τὸν παῖδα	“you (pl.), release the child”	λύ-ετε τὸν παῖδα
INFINITIVE			
“to ransom (one’s) child”	λύ-εσθαι τὸν παῖδα	“to release the child”	λύ-ειν τὸν παῖδα

9. “Deponent” Verbs

middle (and middle-passive) verbs—i.e., verbs that are (mostly) *never* active.

- βούλομαι καθεύδειν “I want to sleep”
- δέχομαι τὸν σῖτον “I receive/accept the food”
- γίγνομαι βασιλεύς “I become king” (βασιλεύς is nominative predicate complement)
- ἔρχομαι εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν “I go/come into the house”
 - but aorist (simple past) active: ἦλθον εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν “I came/went into the house”
- ἀφικνοῦμαι (ε-contract) εἰς τὴν πόλιν “I arrive in the city”

10. Substitution Drill

(ἐγὼ) βούλομαι καθεύδειν (“I want to sleep”).

“You want to sleep”: (σὺ) βούλει καθεύδειν.

“You (pl) want to sleep”: (ὕμεις) βούλεσθε καθεύδειν.

“The girls want to sleep”: αἱ κόραι βούλονται καθεύδειν.