



MEGA GREEK



Interest in Classical civilisation and languages is growing in the state sector, with many primary schools teaching Ancient Greece and Rome as topics, and with the inclusion of Latin and Ancient Greek as languages in the MFL curriculum. Backed by funding from Classics For All, the Mega Greek course has been developed to give pupils from Years 4-6 the opportunity of learning the Ancient Greek language, as well as discovering how its culture permeates the modern world. The course is designed to be taught by incumbent school staff following one day's training, with all plans and materials available online.

Mega Greek is a course with several aims:

- to allow the teaching of Ancient Greek by **teachers with no previous experience** of the language
- to support KS2 English literacy skills by **increasing vocabulary** with etymological links to Ancient Greek
- to be engaging, enjoyable, and accessible to **all abilities** through games and creative activity
- be a **relevant and enjoyable pathway** for pupils to Classical language, history and culture, either as part of topic work or in its own right

SNEAKY GREEK

πυραμις
pyramis

μουσειον
museion

αθληται
athletai

θερμο - μετρον
thermo - metron

Each lesson consists of both language and cultural components.

Language work focuses on

- reading and using the Greek alphabet
- understanding the formation of Greek verbs and nouns
- identifying Ancient Greek roots in modern English words

SORT & TRANSLATE

You can tell who is doing a Greek verb by looking at the endings.

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|----------------|-------------|
| ω - I | ομεν - we |
| εις - you | ετε - you/ |
| ει - he/she/it | ουσι - they |

Sort these verbs by their ending by writing them into the ovals below. The first one has been done to show you how.

γραφουσι
'αριθμετε γραφεις
σκοπω σκοπεεις γραφει
'αριθμουσι
'αριθμει σκοπετε
γραφομεν σκοπομεν
'αριθμω γραφουσι

Now try to translate the verbs. Remember, the beginning of the word tells you what's happening, and the end tells you who's doing it. The first one has been done to show you how.

Handy Hints!

| | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| γραφειν graphain | αριθμουσι they count | σκοπετε |
| σκοπων σκοπω | γραφομεν | γραφουσι |
| αριθμειν αριθμει | αριθμω | σκοπομεν |
| αριθμεις αριθμειτε | γραφεις | αριθμω |
| | αριθμω | αριθμειτε |

MAKE A GREEK THEATRE MASK

3. Cut out the eyes and the mouth. To start off, push a pencil (with an eraser underneath) through the paper plate, so you have a starting point for your scissors.

Cultural work examines the links between Ancient Greece and the modern world in the fields of

- art & architecture
- entertainment & sport
- maths & science
- philosophy

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