

# Syntax Quick Reference

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Syntax rules of thumb		Pronouns																																					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>genitives</b> → nouns</li> <li>• <b>datives</b> → verbal idea (verb or action noun)</li> <li>• <b>prepositional phrases</b> → verbal idea</li> <li>• <b>adverbial participles</b> → finite verb</li> <li>• <b>infinitives</b> → verb                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ direct object</li> <li>○ helper-infinitive</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>adverbs</b> → verb</li> <li>• <b>adjectives</b> → noun or pronoun</li> <li>• <b>relative clauses</b> → noun or pronoun</li> <li>• <b>ὅτι</b> ("that") clauses → verb (direct object)</li> <li>• <b>ἵνα</b> clauses → verb (adverbial)</li> <li>• <b>no finite verb</b> usually = verbless clause                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ first guess εἰμί or γίνομαι</li> <li>○ OR previous finite verb assumed?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stand for last agreeing noun/pronoun                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>gender, number:</b> from antecedent</li> <li>○ <b>case:</b> from role in current sentence</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>αὐτός</b> used as <b>adjective</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ "himself, herself, itself"</li> <li>○ agrees with noun/article it modifies</li> </ul> </li> <li>• indefinite vs. interrogative                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>τις / τι</b> = "someone"/"something"</li> <li>○ <b>τίς / τί</b> = "who?"/"what?"</li> </ul> </li> <li>• irregular uses                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>ὅς</b> (relative) for αὐτός (3p personal)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>																																					
Conjunctions		Infinitive clauses																																					
<p><b>δέ</b> -- "and" "but" (or weak link)  <b>καί</b> -- "and" "also" "even" (or weak link)  <b>γάρ</b> -- "for, because" "so, then" "you see"                      "indeed, certainly" (or weak link)  <b>ἀλλά</b> -- "but" "rather" "but instead"</p>		<p><b>ἐν τῷ</b> + inf. = temporal clause ("when" or "while")  <b>μετὰ τὸ</b> + inf. = temporal clause ("after")  <b>εἰς τὸ</b> + inf. = purpose clause ("in order to")  <i>remember:</i> subject of infinitive is <b>accusative</b></p>																																					
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<p>often for <b>ὁς</b> (relative pr.) or <b>οὗτος</b> (dem. pr.)</p>		<p><b>ὁ κάλος</b> λόγος = attributive ("the beautiful word")  <b>ὁ</b> λόγος <b>ὁ κάλος</b> = attributive ("the beautiful word")  <b>κάλος</b> <b>ὁ</b> λόγος = predicate ("the word is beautiful")  <b>ὁ</b> λόγος <b>κάλος</b> = predicate ("the word is beautiful")  <i>remember:</i> <b>names are definite</b> (as if article present)</p>																																					
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<p><b>temporal</b>      "while" (present ptc.)                      "after" (aorist ptc.)                      "before" (future ptc.)  <b>manner</b>        --  <b>means</b>          "by"  <b>cause</b>          "because" (perfect ptc.)  <b>condition</b>     "if"  <b>concession</b>    "even though"  <b>purpose</b>        "in order to"  <b>result</b>          "with the result that"                      (pres. ptc. after main vb.)</p>		<p><b>ἵνα</b> + subjunctive = "in order to" or "with the result that"  <b>ὅς ἕαν</b> or <b>ὅς ἄν</b> + subjunctive = "whoever"  <b>ὃ ἕαν</b> + subjunctive = "whatever"</p>																																					
Other Basic Participle Uses		Genitive Case																																					
<p>adjectival      dependent (agrees w. noun)                      substantive (def. art.)</p> <p>dependent verbal      attendant circumstance (aor. nom. ptc., before aor. vb.)                      indirect discourse (acc.)                      genitive absolute (gen.)                      redundant (after speech vb.)                      periphrastic (with εἰμί)</p>		<table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="10">adjectival</td> <td><b>descriptive XX</b></td> <td>"characterized by, associated with"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>possessive</b></td> <td>"belonging to"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>relationship</b></td> <td>"descended from" "begotten by"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>partitive</b></td> <td>"who/which is part of/one of/among"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>attributive</b></td> <td>translate as adjective</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>material</b></td> <td>"made of" "consisting of"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>content</b></td> <td>"full of" "containing"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>epexegetical</b></td> <td>"that is" "which is"</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">abl</td> <td><b>source/origin</b></td> <td>"derived from" "depending on"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>comparison</b></td> <td>"than . . ."</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">vbl</td> <td><b>subjective</b></td> <td>"carried out by"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>objective</b></td> <td>"carried out toward"</td> </tr> <tr> <td rowspan="4">adverbial</td> <td><b>time</b></td> <td>"within which" "during which"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>means</b></td> <td>"by" "by means of"</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>agency</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>gen. absolute</b></td> <td><i>translations vary</i></td> </tr> </table>		adjectival	<b>descriptive XX</b>	"characterized by, associated with"	<b>possessive</b>	"belonging to"	<b>relationship</b>	"descended from" "begotten by"	<b>partitive</b>	"who/which is part of/one of/among"	<b>attributive</b>	translate as adjective	<b>material</b>	"made of" "consisting of"	<b>content</b>	"full of" "containing"	<b>epexegetical</b>	"that is" "which is"	abl	<b>source/origin</b>	"derived from" "depending on"	<b>comparison</b>	"than . . ."	vbl	<b>subjective</b>	"carried out by"	<b>objective</b>	"carried out toward"	adverbial	<b>time</b>	"within which" "during which"	<b>means</b>	"by" "by means of"	<b>agency</b>		<b>gen. absolute</b>	<i>translations vary</i>
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