

# A QUICK GUIDE TO PARSING AND TRANSLATING PARTICIPLES

## FORMATION OF PARTICIPLES

**(REDUP) + STEM + TENSE FORMANT + THEME VOWEL + (PTCP CODE + CASE ENDING)**

**STEM:** never augmented; reduplication with PF; changed stem for 2AOR, 2PF, and some FUT

**TENSE FORMANT:** same as for INDIC verbs

**THEME VOWELS:** similar to those for INDIC verbs

### PARTICIPLE CODES

- ντ - masc and neut active (and AOR pass)
- τ - masc and neut PF active
- σ - fem active (and AOR pass)
- μεν - PRES and PF mid/pass/dep;  
FUT mid and dep; FUT pass;  
AOR mid and dep

### CASE ENDINGS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> declension
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- 1<sup>st</sup> declension
- | 2<sup>nd</sup> declension for masc and neut
- | or
- | 1<sup>st</sup> declension for fem

Watch for contractions in masc and neut nom sg and dat pl (ν and σ)

## TRANSLATING PARTICIPLES (a rough guide using forms of πιστεύω)

	ACTIVE (and DEPONENT)	MIDDLE (rare)	PASSIVE
PRESENT	<i>believing</i>	<i>believing oneself</i>	<i>being believed</i>
FUTURE	<i>being about to believe; going to believe</i>	<i>being about to / going to believe oneself</i>	<i>being about to / going to be believed</i>
AORIST/PERFECT	<i>having believed</i>	<i>having believed oneself</i>	<i>having been believed</i>

## TENSE OF PARTICIPLE AND TRANSLATION

	QUALITY OF ACTION	RELATIVE TIME
PRESENT	linear	action contemporaneous to main verb
FUTURE	linear	action in future in relation to main verb
AORIST	simple / punctiliar	action prior to that of main verb *
PERFECT	completed	action prior to that of main verb

\*sometimes when the main verb is an AORIST, an AORIST participle can indicate contemporaneous action

## FUNCTION AND TRANSLATION OF PARTICIPLES IN A SENTENCE

Does ptcp agree with a noun (or implied subject of verb)?

