

PERSEUS QUICKTORIAL

Go to <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu>.

1. Configuring Perseus to Display Greek Characters:

- a. In the menu at the top of the page, click "Configure Display."
- b. In the box labeled "Greek Display" choose the radio button labeled "Unicode (UTF-8). Then click the "Set Configuration" button.
- c. In your browser, click the "Tools" button in the top menu bar, and click "Internet Options."
- d. In the Internet Options dialog box click the tab labeled "General" and then click the button at the bottom of the box, labeled "Fonts."
- e. In the drop down menu labeled "Web page font:" choose either "Palatino Linotype," "Arial Unicode MS," or "Gentium." (Each of these "Unicode" fonts contain both Latin and Greek characters.)
- f. Click OK in the "Fonts" dialog box, and in the "Internet Options" dialog box.

2. Searching for all instances of a word and dictionary articles using the Greek Morphological Analysis Tool.

- a. If you are not there already, go back to the Perseus Home Page (<http://www.perseus.tufts.edu>).
- b. Click the "Tools" link at the top of the page.
- c. Scroll down the page until you find the "Greek Morphological Analysis" tool, and click the link.
- d. To type your Greek word into the search field, click the "Enter Text in Greek" link.
- e. A new window will pop up with the Greek alphabet in a small table. Use your mouse pointer to click each letter for the word you would wish to find.
- f. For instance if you click the letters " κ ε φ α λ η ", you be entering into the search box the Latin letters, " k e f a l h ".
- g. When you click the "Search" button, you will be taken to page which provides:
 - i. a list of dictionary entries found in Perseus, including the Liddell, Scott & Jones *Greek-English Lexicon*. See the hyperlinks in the table cell that is labeled "Entry in [LSJ](#) or [LSJ](#) or [Middle Liddell](#) or [Autenrieth](#)."
 - ii. links to all of the instances of κεφαλη found in Perseus. See the table column labeled "Max. Inst." The first hyperlinked number in this column gives a link to all of the instances of the word (in this case κεφαλη) in Greek prose texts contained in the Perseus website. The second hyperlinked number gives a link to all of the instances of κεφαλη in Greek poetry texts contained in the

Perseus website. The third hyperlinked number combines to first two numbers and provides a link to every instance of the word in Perseus.

3. Using a Lexicon Entry in Perseus

- a. From the Greek Morphological Analysis Tool results, click the hyperlink to the LSJ lexicon.
- b. Note that a table is found at the top of the page. This table has much of the same information found on the Greek Morphological Analysis Tool results page (including links to the number of occurrences in of the word in poetry and prose texts).
- c. Below the information that is given in a “table” you will find your lexicon entry.
- d. Clicking on a Greek word that is hyperlinked will reveal a pop-up window with morphological (parsing) information as well as links to a dictionary entry for that word.
- e. Clicking on any abbreviations in Latin characters (English text) will take you to the actual text that the editors of the dictionary are citing (if the text is within Perseus). For instance, if you were to click on the first hyperlinked abbreviation in the lexicon entry for κεφαλη (A., Th.525), you would be taken to the page in Aeschylus’ *Seven Against Thebes*, where line 525 occurs. To see an English translation of this page, click the link at the top of the page under the “yellow header” that’s labeled “English ed. Herbert Weir Smyth, Ph.D.” (A similar link will exist for any work for which Perseus has an English translation. Use your “back button” to get back to the lexicon entry.

4. Reading a Greek Text in Perseus

- a. From the Greek Morphological Analysis Tool results (or from the top of the Lexicon entry page), click the hyperlink to the “Maximum number of instances” (the last entry in the column labeled “Max. Inst.”).
- b. You will be taken to a list of every occurrence of the word listed in the previous page. If you click on any of the numbered, hyperlinked titles, you will be taken to a page in the work on which the word occurs.
- c. If you click any hyperlinked Greek word, a pop-up menu will appear with morphological (parsing) information as well as links to a dictionary entry for that word.
- d. For some Greek works an English translation will be linked at the top of the page. Typically English translations *are not* available for papyri.