

# Present Indicative Verbs Chapter 5

## Meaning

Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

## Present Tense-Form

**Progressive Present:** Expresses an action that is in progress:  
“all **are looking** for you,” πάντες **ζητοῦσιν** σε (Mark 1:37).

**Iterative Present:** Describes an action that is performed repeatedly or regularly or a state that is ongoing: “Everyone who abides in him does not **continue in sin**,” πᾶς ὁ ἐν αὐτῷ μένων οὐχ **ἁμαρτάνει** (1 John 3:6).

**Historical Present:** Describes a past event (esp. verbs of speaking or motion), possibly indicating a change in location or person: “and **they came** to him bringing a paralytic,” καὶ **ἔρχονται** φέροντες πρὸς αὐτὸν παραλυτικόν (Mark 2:3).

## Morphology

Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν  
ὁ λόγος

λυ

1. Stem

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Present <b>Active</b> Indicative		
Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος		
	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> Person	λύω	λύομεν
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	λύεις	λύετε
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	λύει	λύουσι(ν)

\* This is called a "moveable nu" and is sometimes added when the verb is the last word in a clause or sentence.

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Present <b>Mid/Pass</b> Indicative		
Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος		
	Singular	Plural
1 <sup>st</sup> Person	λύομαι	λύομεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup> Person	λύῃ	λύεσθε
3 <sup>rd</sup> Person	λύεται	λύονται

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Morphology				
Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος				
Person	Regular Endings		Mid/Pass Ending	
	Sg	Pl	Sg	Pl
1 <sup>st</sup>	-ω	-ομεν	-ομαι	-ομεθα
2 <sup>nd</sup>	-εις	-ετε	-ῃ	-εσθε
3 <sup>rd</sup>	-ει	-ουσι(ν)	-εται	-ονται

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Morphology		
Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος		
The stem can be determined from the <b>lexical form</b>		
Lexical Form	Separate Ending	Stem
ἀκούω	→ ἀκού → ω	→ ἀκού
λέγω	→ λέγ → ω	→ λέγ
γίνομαι	→ γίν → ομαι	→ γίν
ἔρχομαι	→ ἔρχ → ομαι	→ ἔρχ

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Morphology	
Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος	
Middle-only verbs	
Lexical Form: λύω	Active = λύω paradigm, "I am loosing"
	Mid/Pass = λύομαι paradigm, "I am loosing for myself," or "I am being loosed."
Lexical Form: πορεύομαι	middle meaning only, "I am going"

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The Connecting Vowel	
Εν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος	
The connecting vowel alternates between epsilon (ε) and omicron (ο)	
λύ → ο → μεν	
λύ → ε → τε	
It is omicron (ο) before the letters μ and ν and epsilon (ε) before other letters. In some forms (λύω, λύουσιν, λύῃ) the connecting vowel has been transformed by the ending.	

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## The Connecting Vowel

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### Why is the connecting vowel important?

Noticing connecting vowels is important for determining the “**mood**” of the verb. In this chapter all the verbs are in the “**indicative**” mood.

The indicative mood **indicates** a fact. The writer is making an assertion that the action is a fact or is asking a definite question.

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## The Connecting Vowel

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### Romans 5:1

“Therefore having been justified by faith **we have** peace with God”

ἔχωμεν → “we have”

ἔχωμεν → “let us have”

ἔχωμεν is indicative and ἔχωμεν is subjunctive.

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## Personal Endings

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### Connecting vowels and personal endings

For our purposes, we can consider the connecting vowel as part of the ending.

Stem

→

λυ ομεν

← Personal Ending

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## Personal Endings

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### Personal Endings indicate who is doing the action

Remember: a separate personal pronoun is not required in Greek as in English.

λύομεν → “we are loosing”

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## Parsing

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### Parsing = to provide all the information for a verb.

Lexical form	Dictionary form (1 <sup>st</sup> , Sg)
Tense	Pres [Imp, Fut, Aor, Pf, plupf]
Voice	Active, Middle, Passive
Mood	Indicative [Subj, Impv, opt]
Person	1 <sup>st</sup> (I/we), 2 <sup>nd</sup> (you), 3 <sup>rd</sup> (he/they)
Number	Singular, Plural

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Parsing						
Lexical form	Tense	Voice	Mood	Person	Num	Translation
λύω	P	A	I	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pl	"They are loosing"
λύουσιν						
Lexical form	Tense	Voice	Mood	Person	Num	Translation
πορεύομαι	P	M	I	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sg	"You are going"
πορεύῃ						

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Crisis	
Crisis: the merger of two words into one	
Sometimes the resulting word will keep its breathing mark.	
καί + ἐγώ → καὶγώ	

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Vocabulary	
βαπτίζω, I baptize, immerse, dip (baptize)	
θεραπεύω, I heal (therapeutic)	
κράζω, I cry out	
ἄγγελος, ó, angel, messenger (angel)	
μαθητής, ó, disciple, follower (mathematics)	

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Vocabulary	
ὄχλος, ó, crowd	
προφήτης, ó, prophet (prophet)	
γάρ, for, because	
ἐκεῖ, there, in that place	
καὶγώ, and I (καί + ἐγώ)	

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Vocabulary	
οὖν, then, so, therefore	
οὕτως, in this manner, thus, so	
τέ, and, but	
οὐ, οὐκ, οὐχ, no, not	
οὐχί, no! (emphatic)	

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