

Ancient Greek Alphabet

Upper-Case Letter	Lower-Case Letter	Name of Letter	How It Is Pronounced	Upper-Case Letter	Lower-Case Letter	Name of Letter	How It Is Pronounced
A	α	alpha	'Ah' as in 'father'.	N	ν	nu	'N' as in 'not'.
B	β	beta	'B' as in 'boat'.	Ξ	ξ	xi	'X' as in 'box'.
Γ	γ	gamma	'G' as in 'get'.	Ο	ο	omicron	Long 'o' as in 'only'.
Δ	δ	delta	'D' as in 'dog'.	Π	π	pi	Soft 'p' as in 'spot'.
E	ε	epsilon	Short 'e' as in 'yes'.	Ρ	ρ	rho	Rolled 'r' as in Scottish or Spanish words.
Z	ζ	zeta	'Z' as in 'zoo'.	Σ	σ or ς	sigma	Soft 's' as in 'sand'.
H	η	eta	Long 'e' as in 'air'.	T	τ	tau	'T' as in 'table'.
Θ	θ	theta	Soft 'th' as in 'thin'.	Υ	υ	upsilon	Long 'u' as in 'Bruce'.
I	ι	iota	Short 'i' as in 'it' or long 'ee' as in 'feet'	Φ	φ	phi	'P' as in pot.
K	κ	kappa	'K' as in 'kite'.	Χ	χ	chi	'k' as in 'kit'.
Λ	λ	lambda	'L' as in 'lot'.	Ψ	ψ	psi	'Ps' as in 'pips'.
M	μ	mu	'M' as in 'mat'.	Ω	ω	omega	'Or' as in 'for'.

Ancient Greek Alphabet Activity

Look at these names of gods, goddesses and other characters from Greek myths. They have been written using the letters of the Greek alphabet.

Use the information in the 'Ancient Greek Alphabet' table to help you pronounce each letter and to sound out the words. They may sound a little bit different from how we say them in English.

Then, write the name of the ancient Greek character in English. There are the names of some characters from Greek myths at the bottom of the page to help you.

Beware: there are more names than you need!

Top Tip

Although some of the names may begin with 'h' in English, this 'h' is silent in Greek and so there would be no letter for it in the Greek word.

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2. Αρης

3. Ζευς

4. Ποσειδων

5. Μεδουσα

6. Ερμης

7. Απολλων

8. Γοργων



Zeus

Poseidon

Artemis

Ares

Hera

Athena

Hermes

Gorgon

Medusa

Apollo



For an exciting story featuring gods, goddesses and other characters from ancient Greek myths, download 'Atticus and the ancient Greeks' [here](#).

Ancient Greek Alphabet Activity **Answers**

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