

# **The Greek Alphabet**

From Alpha to Omega

A a

**Name:** *Alpha*

**Sound:** “Father”

*“I am the Alpha and the  
Omega”*

**B b**

**Name: *Beta***

**Sound: “*Begin*”**

G g

**Name:** *Gamma*

**Sound:** “Gift”

*A double gg is pronounced  
“sing”*

D d

**Name:** *Delta*

**Sound:** “*Disciple*”

E e

**Name:** *Epsilon*

**Sound:** “Get”

**Z z**

**Name: *Zeta***

**Sound: “Zoo”**

*Zhtew* is “to look” or “seek”

H h

**Name:** *Eta*

**Sound:** “They”

*Modern Greek pronounces  
this as “key”*

Q q

**Name:** *Theta*

**Sound:** “*Theology*”

*Begins the word Qeoj, “God”*

I i

**Name:** *Iota*

**Sound:** “F*ĭ*”

*Not one i/vw/ta or stroke shall  
pass from the law...*

*(Matthew 5:18)*

**K k**

**Name:** *Kappa*

**Sound:** “*King*”

L 1

**Name:** *Lamda*

**Sound:** “*Listen*”

**M m**

**Name: *Mu***

**Sound: “*Man*”**

N n

**Name:** *Nu*

**Sound:** “*Name*”

**X x**

**Name: *Xi***

**Sound: “Wax”**

Ο ο

**Name:** *Omicron*

**Sound:** “Offering”

*When used by itself, ο` is used as  
a definite article (“the”)*

P p

**Name:** *Pi*

**Sound:** “*Pray*”

*Used today to describe the  
circumference of a circle*

R r

**Name:** *Rho*

**Sound:** “*Ring*”

S s, j

**Name:** *Sigma*

**Sound:** “Sit”

*Normally appears as s, but  
turns to j at the end of a word*

**T t**

**Name:** *Tau*

**Sound:** “*Teach*”

U u

**Name:** *Upsilon*

**Sound:** “*Duty*”

*The Greek word u`yhloj  
means “high”*

**F f**

**Name: *Phi***

**Sound: “*Phone*”**

C c

**Name:** *Chi*

**Sound:** “*Christ*”

*This accounts for the  
shorthand “Xmas”*

Y y

**Name:** *Psi*

**Sound:** “Lips”

*Accounts for the spelling of  
“pseudo”*

W w

**Name:** *Omega*

**Sound:** “Gold”

*“I am the Alpha and the  
Omega”*

# Vowels

**English**

a, e, i, o, u, y

**Greek**

a, e, h, i, o, u,  
w

*There is a relationship  
between e and h*

# Breathing Marks

<b>Type of Breathing Mark</b>	<b>What it does</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Rough Breathing Mark</b>	<i>Gives an "h" sound</i>	a[gi <sup>h</sup> oj
<b>Smooth Breathing Mark</b>	<i>Silent</i>	avpo, stolo j

