

## Prepositions

One-case prepositions:

|     |     |     |      |     |      |      |      |        |       |       |
|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|--------|-------|-------|
| acc | εἰς | ἀνα | ἀμφι | ὡς  |      |      |      |        |       |       |
| gen | ἀπο | ἐκ  | ἀντι | προ | ἀνευ | ἀτερ | πλην | μεταξυ | μεχρι | ἐνεκα |
| dat | ἐν  | συν | ξυν  |     |      |      |      |        |       |       |

Two-case prepositions:

μετα: *after* accusative, *with* genitive

BUT NB its use as a prefix:

|            |            |                                 |
|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 75%=change | μετατιθημι | <i>put in a different place</i> |
|            | μεταβολη   | <i>metabolism</i>               |
| 20%=share  | μετεστι    | <i>a share is available</i>     |
|            | μεταδιδωι  | <i>share out</i>                |
| 5%=after   | μετερχομαι | <i>I chase</i>                  |

ὑπερ: *over* accusative (travelling over), genitive (separated from over)

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| νυν ὑπερ παντων ἀγων | <i>now the battle is for everything</i> |
| λίσσομαι ὑπερ ψυχης  | <i>I beg you for my life</i>            |

δια: *through* genitive, *because of* accusative (genitive in verse)

|              |                       |                              |
|--------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Literal      | δια θαλασσης          | <i>across</i>                |
|              | δια πολλου [χρονου]   | <i>at length</i>             |
|              | δια ὀλιγου [χρονου]   | <i>quickly</i>               |
|              | δια τριτης ἡμερας     | <i>every third day</i>       |
| Metaphorical | δι' ἀγγελου           | <i>through a messenger</i>   |
|              | δια χειρος ἔχειν τινα | <i>to have control of</i>    |
|              | δια σιγης ἔχειν τινα  | <i>to keep under wraps</i>   |
|              | δι' αἰτίας ἔχειν τινα | <i>to blame someone</i>      |
| Prefix       | διαβαινω              | <i>to walk through</i>       |
|              | διακρινω              | <i>distinguish</i>           |
|              | διαφερει              | <i>it makes a difference</i> |

κατα: *down, by*: accusative, genitive

|             |                         |                                  |
|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Genitive    | κατα των πετρων πιπτειν | <i>to fall down from</i>         |
|             | κατηγορειν τινος        | <i>to prosecute</i>              |
|             | καταγιγνωσκω τινος      | <i>to condemn</i>                |
|             | λεγειν κατα τινος       | <i>speak against someone</i>     |
| Accusative  | κατα ποταμον            | <i>down-river</i>                |
|             | κατα τους νομους        | <i>according to/by the laws</i>  |
| Set Phrases | κατα φιλιαν             | <i>in a spirit of friendship</i> |
|             | καθ' ἐν ἑκαστον         | <i>one by one</i>                |
|             | κατα δυναμιν            | <i>according to capability</i>   |
| Prefix      | καθιστημι               | <i>set up in accordance with</i> |
|             | κατερχομαι              | <i>come back from exile</i>      |
|             | καταβαινω               | <i>go down</i>                   |

Three-case prepositions:

περι: *around, about*

|            |                       |                                  |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dative     | περι τωι δακτυλωι     | <i>in place around finger</i>    |
|            | περι τηι Σικιληι      | <i>round the edge of Sicily</i>  |
| Accusative |                       | <i>literally moving around</i>   |
| Genitive   |                       | <i>metaphorical – concerning</i> |
|            | περι πολλου ποιεισθαι | <i>make much of</i>              |

προς: *facing*

|            |                             |  |
|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Accusative |                             | <i>I am moving facing the city</i>     |
|            | κειται προς ξοφον           | <i>lies toward the West</i>            |
|            | ἐπει προς ἑσπεραν ἦν        | <i>when it was towards evening</i>     |
|            |                             | <i>Comparison</i>                      |
| Dative     | οἱ προς τηι θαλλατηι πολεις | <i>sea-side resorts</i>                |
| Genitive   |                             | <i>facing out from – metaph.</i>       |
|            | προς θεων                   | <i>seeing from gods' point of view</i> |
|            | προς γενειου                | <i>by your chin</i>                    |
| Prefix     | verb of movement            | <i>towards</i>                         |
|            | anything else               | <i>additional extra</i>                |

ἐπι: *on, at*

|            |                                   |  |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Dative     | ἐπι γαιηι ἑασα                    | <i>left it on the ground</i>             |
|            | ταπι Τροιαι περγαμα               | <i>Towers of Troy</i>                    |
|            | νομον τιθεσθαι ἐπι τινι           | <i>set up law to deal with something</i> |
|            | ἐπ' ἑτεροις γινεσθαι              | <i>to depend on others</i>               |
|            | ἐφ' ὥστε + infinitive/fut. indic. | <i>on condition that you...</i>          |
| Accusative | φερων ἐπι νηα                     | <i>bring right up to ships</i>           |
|            | ἐπι τοσοουτο ὡς                   | <i>to such an extent that..</i>          |
|            | ἐπι πολυ                          | <i>considerably</i>                      |
|            | το ἐπ' ἑμε                        | <i>as far as I'm concerned</i>           |
|            | ἐπι θηραν                         | <i>to go for prey (to hunt)</i>          |
|            | ἐπερχομαι                         | <i>to attack</i>                         |
| Genitive   | ἐφ' ἵππου                         | <i>on horseback</i>                      |
|            | ἐπι γης                           | <i>on land</i>                           |
|            | τα ἐπι Θραικης                    | <i>the Thracian things</i>               |
|            | ἐπι θεμιστοκλεους ἄρχαντος        | <i>at the time of the reign of</i>       |
|            | ἐπ' οἴκου                         | <i>in my time</i>                        |
| As prefix  | ἐπι-                              | <i>onto, putting on top</i>              |

παρα: *beside*

|              |                          |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dative       | οὐδ' Ἐ παρα νηι λελειπτο | <i>at beside</i>                     |
| Genitive     | ξιφος παρα μηρου         | <i>from beside</i>                   |
| Accusative   | παρα θιν ἄλος            | <i>along beside</i>                  |
| Phrases      | παρ' Ὀμηρωι              | <i>in Homer</i>                      |
|              | το παρ' ἔμου             | <i>my ideas, property, situation</i> |
| Metaphorical | παρα τους νομους         | <i>breaking the laws</i>             |
|              | παρα δοξα                | <i>beyond expectation</i>            |
|              | παρνομα                  | <i>illegal</i>                       |
|              | παρ' οὐδεν τιπεσθαι      | <i>not rate it</i>                   |
|              | ἔφυγε παρα δυο ψηθους    | <i>got off by two votes</i>          |
|              | ἐνκησαν παρα πολυ        | <i>won it by a mile</i>              |

ὑπο: *under*

|            |            |                             |
|------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Accusative |            | moving sth to under         |
| Genitive   |            | <i>by (agent)</i>           |
| Dative     |            | metaphorical, subordinates  |
| As prefix  | ὑποπτευω   | <i>I suspect</i>            |
|            | ὑπισχνομαι | <i>I promise, undertake</i> |