



International  
**MOTHER**  
Language Week



# INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY




Greek

# THE GREEK ALPHABET

1. Α α	9. Ι ι	17. Ρ ρ
2. Β β	10. Κ κ	18. Σ σ
3. Γ γ	11. Λ λ	19. Τ τ
4. Δ δ	12. Μ μ	20. Υ υ
5. Ε ε	13. Ν ν	21. Φ φ
6. Ζ ζ	14. Ξ ξ	22. Χ χ
7. Η η	15. Ο ο	23. Ψ ψ
8. Θ θ	16. Π π	24. Ω ω

Can you name the first two letters?

Where does the word “alphabet” come from?

- ▶ Do you think the Greek alphabet is very different than the English one?
  - ▶ Let's take a better look!
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# English Alphabet



# Greek Alphabet

A α Alpha	B β Beta	Γ γ Gamma	Δ δ Delta	E ε Epsilon	Z ζ Zeta
H η Eta	Θ θ Theta	I ι Iota	K κ Kappa	Λ λ Lambda	M μ Mu
N ν Nu	Ξ ξ Xi	Ο ο Omicron	Π π Pi	Ρ ρ Rho	Σ σ,ς Sigma
T τ Tau	Υ υ Upsilon	Φ φ Phi	X χ Chi	Ψ ψ Psi	Ω ω Omega

CAN YOU SPOT THE SIMILAR LETTERS?

**Did you know that a lot of words we use originate from the Greek language?**

**Let's explore some!**

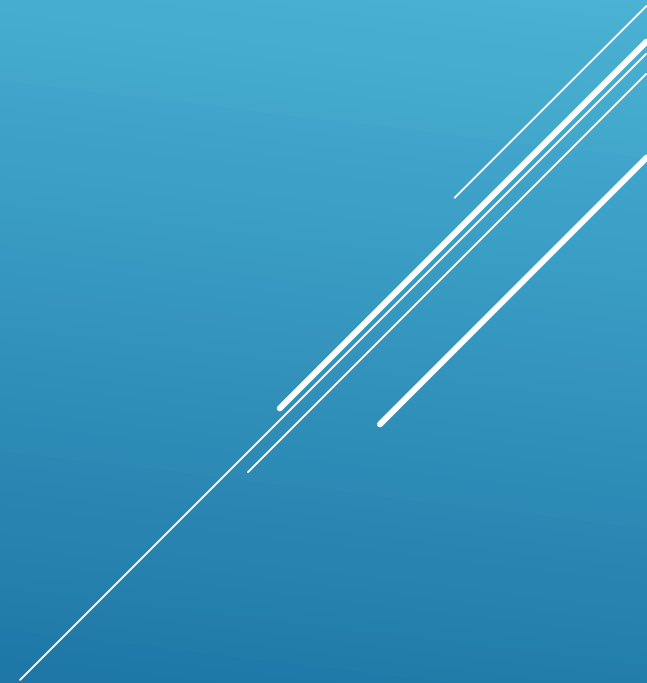
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- ▶ Astronomy = αστρονομία
- ▶ Anatomy = ανατομία
- ▶ Alphabet = αλφαβήτα
- ▶ Astronaut = αστροναύτης
- ▶ Biology = βιολογία
- ▶ Cylinder = κύλινδρος
- ▶ Chemistry = χημεία
- ▶ Cardiology = καρδιολογία
- ▶ Democracy = δημοκρατία
- ▶ Dinosaur = δεινόσαυρος
- ▶ Dynamite = δυναμίτης
- ▶ Europe = Ευρώπη
- ▶ Geography = γεωγραφία
- ▶ Mathematics = μαθηματικά
- ▶ Philosophy = φιλοσοφία
- ▶ Physics = φυσική
- ▶ Sphere = σφαίρα
- ▶ Technology = τεχνολογία
- ▶ Telephone = τηλέφωνο
- ▶ Xylophone = ξυλόφωνο

SOME COMMON WORDS



LET S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK ON SOME  
OF THEM





# ASTRONAUT

Astro + Nautis = Άστρο + Ναύτης

Astro = Star

Nautis (naftis) = sailor

Astronaut: Star sailor!



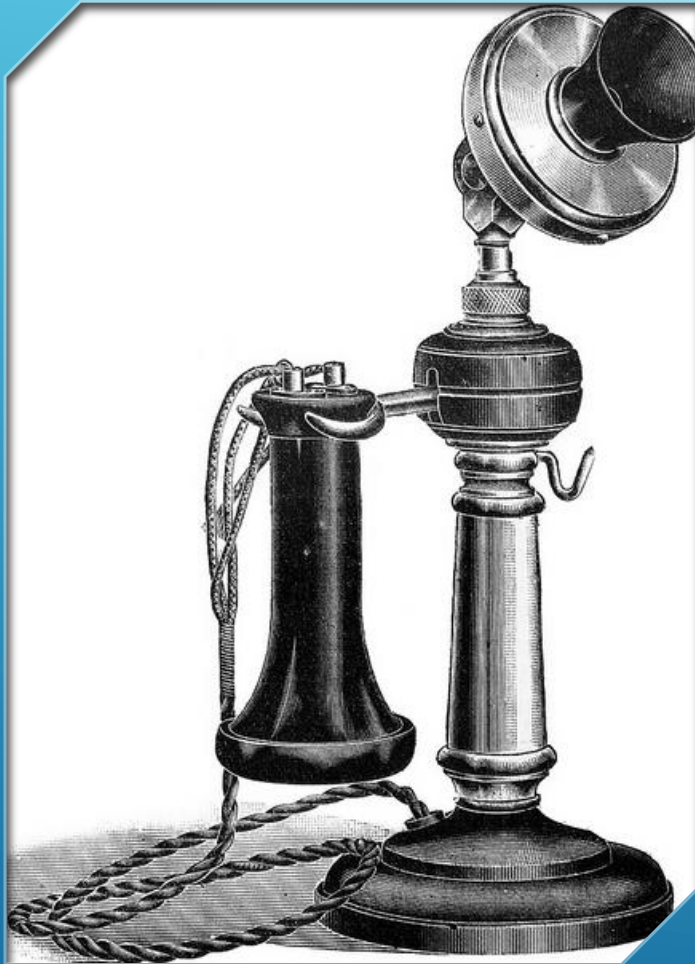
# PHILOSOPHY

Philo + Sophia = Φίλος + Σοφία

Philos = Friend

Sophia = Wisdom

Philosophy: the “love of wisdom”, the knowledge seeking process



# TELEPHONE

Tele + Phone = Τήλε + Φωνή

Tele = Far

Phone = Φωνή

Telephone: Distant voice



# DINOSAUR

Dino + Saurus = Δεινή + Σαύρα

Dino = Terrible

Saurus = Lizard

Dinosaur: Big terrible lizard

# RESOURCES

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English\\_words\\_of\\_Greek\\_origin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_words_of_Greek_origin)

THANK YOU!!!



**MANY THANKS TO  
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**CAN YOU  
REMEMBER THE ORIGINS OF  
DINOSAUR IN GREEK?**