

“CONTRACT” VERBS

Defined

Verbs whose present stems end in a short vowel (**α**, **ε**, or **ο**) are called *Contract Verbs*. Contract verbs “contract” in the *Present* and *Imperfect* tenses (see *VERBS: Conjugation of Contract Verbs* chart, next page). Because a consonant (e.g., **-σ-**, **-θ-**, **-κ-**) is added to the stem in all other tenses, these final stem vowels “lengthen” in those tenses (see *Lengthenings* chart, below).

Lengthenings: *Future, Aorist, Perfect (Pluperfect, not shown here)*

PRESENT	FUTURE	AORIST	PERFECT	“Lengthening” Rule
ἀγαπάω	ἀγαπήσω	ἠγαπήσα	ἠγαπήκα	α lengthens to η
φιλέω	φιλήσω	ἐφιλήσα	πέφιλήκα	ε lengthens to η
πληρώω	πληρώσω	ἐπληρώσα	πεπληρώσα	ο lengthens to ω

Contractions

Since in the *Present* and *Imperfect* tenses there is nothing added to the verb stem before the endings are joined, the short vowel of the stem meshes or “contracts” with the thematic vowel of the endings to form either a single, longer vowel or diphthong:

CONTRACT VERBS VOWEL CONTRACTION PARADIGM								
CONTRACT VERB ENDS :	PERSONAL ENDING THEMATIC VOWEL / DIPHTHONG							
	+	ε	ει	η	η	ο	ου	ω
	α	α	α	α	α	ω	ω	ω
	ε	ει	ει	η	η	ου	ου	ω
	ο	ου	οι	ω	οι	ου	ου	ω

NOTE: For a detailed overview of *Contract Verb* “contractions” in their *Indicative, Subjunctive, Imperative* and *Infinitive* mode formations, see below.

CONJUGATIONS OF "CONTRACT VERBS" (Present & Imperfect Tenses with stems ending in α-, ε-, and ο-)	
Present Active Indicative* (Stems ending in α-)	Present Middle/Passive Indicative** (Stems ending in α-)
<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἀγαπάω/ἀγαπῶ (ἀγαπα ω)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶς (ἀγαπα εις)</p> <p>3rd -ᾶ (ἀγαπα ει)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεν (ἀγαπα ομεν)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶτε (ἀγαπα ετε)</p> <p>3rd -ῶσι (ἀγαπα ουσι)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἀγαπῶμαι (ἀγαπα ομαι)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶ (ἀγαπα η)</p> <p>3rd -ᾶται (ἀγαπα εται)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεθα (ἀγαπα ομεθα)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶσθε (ἀγαπα εσθε)</p> <p>3rd -ῶνται (ἀγαπα ονται)</p>
Present Active Subjunctive*	Present Middle/Passive Subjunctive**
<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἀγαπῶ (ἀγαπα ω)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶς (ἀγαπα ης)</p> <p>3rd -ᾶ (ἀγαπα η)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεν (ἀγαπα ωμεν)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶτε (ἀγαπα ητε)</p> <p>3rd -ῶσι (ἀγαπα ωσι)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἀγαπῶμαι (ἀγαπα ωμαι)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶ (ἀγαπα η)</p> <p>3rd -ᾶται (ἀγαπα ηται)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεθα (ἀγαπα ωμεθα)</p> <p>2nd -ᾶσθε (ἀγαπα ησθε)</p> <p>3rd -ῶνται (ἀγαπα ωνται)</p>
Present Active Infinitive	Present Middle/Passive Infinitive
ἀγαπᾶν /ἀγαπᾶν (ἀγαπα ειν)	ἀγαπᾶσθαι (ἀγαπα εσθαι)
Present Active Participle	Present Middle/Passive Participle
ἀγαπῶν, -ῶσα, -ῶν (Fr. ἀγαπα ων, -ουσα, -ον)	ἀγαπῶμενος, -ῶμενη, -ῶμενον (Fr. ἀγαπα ομενος, -ομενή, -ομενον)
Present Active Imperative	Present Middle/Passive Imperative
<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>2nd ἄγαπα (ἀγαπα ε)</p> <p>3rd -άτω (ἀγαπα ετω)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>2nd -ᾶτε (ἀγαπα ετε)</p> <p>3rd -άτωσαν (ἀγαπα ετωσαν)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>2nd ἄγαπῶ (ἀγαπα ου)</p> <p>3rd -ᾶσθω (ἀγαπα εσθω)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>2nd -ᾶσθε (ἀγαπα εσθε)</p> <p>3rd -ᾶσθωσαν (ἀγαπα εσθωσαν)</p>
* With "Contract" verbs whose stems end in "α-" the Present Active Indicative and the Present Active Subjunctive form identical endings.	** With "Contract" verbs whose stems end in "α-" the Present Middle/Passive Indicative and the Present Middle/Passive Subjunctive form identical endings.

CONJUGATIONS OF "CONTRACT VERBS" (Present & Imperfect Tenses with stems ending in α-, ε-, and ο-)	
Present Active Indicative (Stems ending in ε-)	Present Middle/Passive Indicative (Stems ending in ε-)
<p>Singular</p> <p>1st φιλέω/φιλω̄ (φιλε ω)</p> <p>2nd -εἶς (φιλε εις)</p> <p>3rd -εἶ (φιλε ει)</p> <p>Plural</p> <p>1st -οὔμεν (φιλε ομεν)</p> <p>2nd -εἶτε (φιλε ετε)</p> <p>3rd -οῦσι (φιλε ουσι)</p>	<p>Singular</p> <p>1st φιλοῦμαι (φιλε ομαι)</p> <p>2nd -ῆ (φιλε η)</p> <p>3rd -εῖται (φιλε εται)</p> <p>Plural</p> <p>1st -οὔμεθα (φιλε ομεθα)</p> <p>2nd -εἶσθε (φιλε εσθε)</p> <p>3rd -οῦνται (φιλε ονται)</p>
Present Active Subjunctive	Present Middle/Passive Subjunctive
<p>Singular</p> <p>1st φιλω̄ (φιλε ω)</p> <p>2nd -ῆς (φιλε ης)</p> <p>3rd -ῆ (φιλε η)</p> <p>Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεν (φιλε ωμεν)</p> <p>2nd -ῆτε (φιλε ητε)</p> <p>3rd -ῶσι (φιλε ωσι)</p>	<p>Singular</p> <p>1st φιλω̄μαι (φιλε ωμαι)</p> <p>2nd -ῆ (φιλε η)</p> <p>3rd -ῆται (φιλε ηται)</p> <p>Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεθα (φιλε ωμεθα)</p> <p>2nd -ῆσθε (φιλε ησθε)</p> <p>3rd -ῶνται (φιλε ωνται)</p>
Present Active Infinitive	Present Middle/Passive Infinitive
φιλεῖν (φιλε ειν)	φιλεισθαι (φιλε εσθαι)
Present Active Participle	Present Middle/Passive Participle
φιλω̄ν, -οῦσα, -οῦν (Fr. φιλε ων, -ουσα, -ον)	φιλοῦμενος, -οῦμενη, -οῦμενον (Fr. φιλε ομενος, -ομενη, -ομενον)
Present Active Imperative	Present Middle/Passive Imperative
<p>Singular</p> <p>2nd φίλει (φιλε ει)</p> <p>3rd -εἶτω (φιλε ετω)</p> <p>Plural</p> <p>2nd -εἶτε (φιλε ετε)</p> <p>3rd -εἶτωσαν (φιλε ετωσαν)</p>	<p>Singular</p> <p>2nd φιλοῦ (φιλε ου)</p> <p>3rd -εἶστω (φιλε εστω)</p> <p>Plural</p> <p>2nd -εἶσθε (φιλε εσθε)</p> <p>3rd -εἶστωσαν (φιλε εστωσαν)</p>

CONJUGATIONS OF "CONTRACT VERBS" (Present & Imperfect Tenses with stems ending in α-, ε-, and ο-)	
Present Active Indicative (Stems ending in ο-)	Present Middle/Passive Indicative (Stems ending in ο-)
Singular*** 1 st πληρόω/πληρῶ (πληρο ω) 2 nd -οῖς (πληρο εις) 3 rd -οῖ (πληρο ει) Plural 1 st -οὔμεν (πληρο ομεν) 2 nd -οὔτε (πληρο ετε) 3 rd -οὔσι (πληρο ουσι)	Singular 1 st πληροῦμαι (πληρο ομαι) 2 nd -ῆ (πληρο η) 3 rd -εῖται (πληρο εται) Plural 1 st -οὔμεθα (πληρο ομεθα) 2 nd -εῖσθε (πληρο εσθε) 3 rd -οὔνται (πληρο ονται)
Present Active Subjunctive	Present Middle/Passive Subjunctive
Singular*** 1 st πληρῶ (πληρο ω) 2 nd -οῖς (πληρο ης) 3 rd -οῖ (πληρο η) Plural 1 st -ῶμεν (πληρο ωμεν) 2 nd -ῶτε (πληρο ητε) 3 rd -ῶσι (πληρο ωσι)	Singular 1 st πληρῶμαι (πληρο ωμαι) 2 nd -οῖ (πληρο η) 3 rd -ῶται (πληρο ηται) Plural 1 st -ῶμεθα (πληρο ωμεθα) 2 nd -ῶσθε (πληρο ησθε) 3 rd -ῶνται (πληρο ωνται)
Present Active Infinitive	Present Middle/Passive Infinitive
πληροῦν (πληρο ειν [fr. εεν])	πληροῦσθαι (πληρο εσθαι)
Present Active Participle	Present Middle/Passive Participle
πληρῶν, -οὔσα, -οῦν (Fr. πληρο ων, -ουσα, -ον)	πληρόμενος, -ούμενη, -ούμενον (Fr. πληρο ομενος, -ομενή, -ομενον)
Present Active Imperative	Present Middle/Passive Imperative
Singular 2 nd πληροῦ (πληρο ε) 3 rd -οὔτω (πληρο ετω) Plural 2 nd -οὔτε (πληρο ετε) 3 rd -οὔτωσαν (πληρο ετωσαν)	Singular 2 nd πληροῦ (πληρο ου) 3 rd -οὔστω (πληρο εστω) Plural 2 nd - οὔσθε (πληρο εσθε) 3 rd -οὔστωσαν (πληρο εστωσαν)
* With "Contract" verbs whose stems end in "ο-" the Present Active Indicative and the Present Active Subjunctive form identical endings, though in the singular persons only.	

CONJUGATIONS OF "CONTRACT VERBS"
(Present & Imperfect Tenses with stems ending in α-, ε-, and ο-)

Imperfect Active Indicative (Stems ending in α-)	Imperfect Middle/Passive Indicative (Stems ending in α-)
<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἠγαπῶν (ἡ γαπα ον) 2nd -ας (ἡ γαπα ες) 3rd -α (ἡ γαπα ε)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεν (ἡ γαπα ομεν) 2nd -ᾶτε (ἡ γαπα ετε) 3rd -ῶν (ἡ γαπα ον)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἠγαπῶμην (ἀγαπα ομην) 2nd -ῶ (ἀγαπα ου) 3rd -ᾶτο (ἀγαπα ετο)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -ῶμεθα (ἀγαπα ομεθα) 2nd -ᾶσθε (ἀγαπα εσθε) 3rd -ῶντο (ἀγαπα οντο)</p>
Imperfect Active Indicative (Stems ending in ε-)	Imperfect Middle/Passive Indicative (Stems ending in ε-)
<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἐφιλοῦν (ἐ φιλε ον) 2nd -εῖς (ἐ φιλε ες) 3rd -εῖ (ἐ φιλε ε)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -οῦμεν (ἐ φιλε ομεν) 2nd -εῖτε (ἐ φιλε ετε) 3rd -οῦν (ἐ φιλε ον)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἐφιλούμην (ἐ φιλε ομην) 2nd -οῦ (ἐ φιλε ου) 3rd -εῖτο (ἐ φιλε ετο)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -οῦμεθα (ἐ φιλε ομεθα) 2nd -εῖσθε (ἐ φιλε εσθε) 3rd -οῦντο (ἐ φιλε οντο)</p>
Imperfect Active Indicative (Stems ending in ο-)	Imperfect Middle/Passive Indicative (Stems ending in ο-)
<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἐπληροῦν (ἐ πληρο ον) 2nd ἐπλήρους (ἐ πληρο ες) 3rd ἐπλήρου (ἐ πληρο ε)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -οῦμεν (ἐ πληρο ομεν) 2nd -οὔτε (ἐ πληρο ετε) 3rd ἐπλήρουν (ἐ πληρο ον)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Singular</p> <p>1st ἐπληρούμην (ἐ πληρο ομην) 2nd -οῦ (ἐ πληρο ου) 3rd -οὔτο (ἐ πληρο ετο)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plural</p> <p>1st -οῦμεθα (ἐ πληρο ομεθα) 2nd -οὔσθε (ἐ πληρο εσθε) 3rd -οῦντο (ἐ πληρο οντο)</p>