LESSON TWENTY

IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE VERBS

THE SPECIAL VERB εἰμί

In this lesson we are going to study the IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE VERB.

IMPERFECT (tense) - denotes <u>continued</u> action in <u>past</u> time.

ACTIVE (voice) - denotes the subject in the sentence is <u>doing the action to someone</u>.

INDICATIVE (mood) - denotes the verb is expressing a <u>factual statement</u>, as opposed to an expression of a possibility, a wish, or a command.

THE AUGMENT OF PAST TENSE VERBS

Verbs that express past tense action have an AUGMENT placed at the beginning of the stem of the verb.

1)   The AUGMENT placed at the beginning of the stem of verbs that do not begin with a vowel is EPSILON (ε).

EXAMPLE: λύω   is changed to   ἔλυον
             I loose   I was loosing

             ἐ   λυ   ον
          augment + stem + imperfect personal ending

2)   Verbs that begin with a vowel lengthen that vowel, except α lengthens to η

EXAMPLES: 1)   ἐγείρω   lengthens to   ἤγειρον
                 I raise up   I was raising

            2)   ἀκούω   lengthens to   ἤκουον
                 I hear   I was hearing

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IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE AUGMENT AND "ENDINGS"

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
1ˢᵗ PERSON	I - - - - - - - - - $\dot{\epsilon}...o\nu$	we - - - - - - - - $\dot{\epsilon}...o\mu\epsilon\nu$
2ⁿᵈ PERSON	you (thou) - - - $\dot{\epsilon}...\epsilon\varsigma$	you (ye) - - - - $\dot{\epsilon}...\epsilon\tau\epsilon$
3ʳᵈ PERSON	he, she, it - - - $\dot{\epsilon}...\epsilon(\nu)$	they - - - - - - - $\dot{\epsilon}...o\nu$

NOTICE:

1) The third person singular has the MOVEABLE NU (**ν**). When the third person singular comes before a word that starts with a vowel or at the end of a sentence, a NU (**ν**), called a MOVEABLE NU (**ν**), is added to it. This rule applies only where the MOVEABLE NU (**ν**) occurs. The MOVEABLE NU (**ν**) occurs in very few forms.

2) The first person singular and the third person plural are the same in form. Only the context can determine which is being used.

THE IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF λύω

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
1st PERSON	ἔλυον	ἐλυόμεν
	I was loosing	We were loosing
2nd PERSON	ἔλυες	ἐλύετε
	You (thou) were loosing	You (ye) were loosing
3rd PERSON	ἔλυε(ν)	ἔλυον
	He, She, It was loosing	They were loosing

Notice:

1) The third person singular has the MOVEABLE NU (ν).

2) The first person singular and the third person plural are the same in form. Only the context can determine which is being used.

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THE SPECIAL VERB εἰμί

In this section we want to present the special verb εἰμί.

The verb εἰμί is translated "I am" and expresses *existence* or *state of being*. This is a very special word used in the New Testament as we will see when we take the reading exercise for this lesson.

Because this verb does not express that the subject is doing something to someone, the NOMINATIVE CASE is used to complete its meaning instead of the usual ACCUSATIVE CASE.

At this time we want to present the PRESENT ACTIVE INDICATIVE and the IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE of εἰμί.

PRESENT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF εἰμί

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
1ˢᵗ PERSON	εἰμί	ἐσμέν
	I am	We are
2ⁿᵈ PERSON	εἶ	ἐστέ
	You (thou) are	You (ye) are
3ʳᵈ PERSON	ἐστί(ν)	εἰσί(ν)
	He, She, It is	They are

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THE IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE OF εἰμί

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
1ˢᵗ PERSON	ἤμην	ἦμεν
	I was	We were
2ⁿᵈ PERSON	ἦς	ἦτε
	You (thou) were	You (ye) were
3ʳᵈ PERSON	ἦν	ἦσαν
	He, She, It was	They were

After you review this lesson you should go on to the pronunciation and reading exercise for this lesson.

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EXERCISE ONE

PRONUNCIATION EXERCISES

In this exercise we are going to study the IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE εἰμί verbs in the text of John 1:1-18. All of the material that we have studied in Lessons 11-19 is now <u>underlined</u> and ᴘᴀʀsᴇᴅ in the text. It would be beneficial for you to take the chart on the verb εἰμί, page 26, out of the Charts Section Notebook for reference as we go through this exercise.

Line 1: (1)

	PREP. W/DAT.(18)	DAT.S.F. 1 DEC.N.(14)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	NOM.S.M. ART.(13)	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	CONJ.
	᾽Εν	ἀρχῇ	ἦν	ὁ	λόγος,	καὶ
	In	beginning	was	the	word,	and

Line 2:

NOM.S.M. ART.(13)	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	PREP. W/ACC.(18)	ACC.S.M. ART.(13)	ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)
ὁ	Λόγος	ἦν	πρὸς	τὸν	Θεόν
the	Word	was	with	the	God,

Line 3:

CONJ.	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	NOM.S.M. ART.(13)	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)		NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)
καὶ	Θεὸς	ἦν	ὁ	λόγος.	(2)	οὗτος
and	God	was	the	word.		this one

Line 4:

3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	PREP. W/DAT.(18)	DAT.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)	PREP. W/ACC.(18)	ACC.S.M. ART.(13)	ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)
ἦν	ἐν	ἀρχῇ	πρὸς	τὸν	Θεόν.
was	in	beginning	with	the	God.

Line 5: (3)

	PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)		CONJ.	PREP. W/GEN.(18)
πάντα	δι᾽	αὐτοῦ	ἐγένετο,	καὶ	χωρὶς
all things	through	him	became,	and	without

Line 6:

GEN.SING.M. 3P.PERS.PRO.(20)					
αὐτοῦ	ἐγένετο	οὐδὲ	ἓν	ὃ	γέγονεν.
him	became	not even	one thing	which	has become.

EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 7: (4)
	PREP. W/DAT.(18)	DAT.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)	NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	CONJ.	NOM.S.F. ART.(13)	NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(14)
	ἐν	αὐτῷ	ζωὴ	ἦν,	καὶ	ἡ	ζωὴ
	in	him	life	was,	and	the	life

Line 8:
3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	NOM.S.N. ART.(13)		GEN.PL.M. ART.(13)	GEN.PL.M. 2DEC.N.(12)
ἦν,	τὸ	φῶς	τῶν	ἀνθρώπων,
was	the	light	of the	men,

Line 9: (5)
CONJ.	NOM.S.N. ART.(13)		PREP. W/DAT.(18)	DAT.S.F. ART.(13)	DAT.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)
καὶ	τὸ	φῶς	ἐν	τῇ	σκοτίᾳ
and	the	light	in	the	darkness

Line 10:
3 PERS.SING. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)	CONJ.	NOM.S.F. ART.(13)	NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)	ACC.S.N. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)	
φαίνει,	καὶ	ἡ	σκοτία	αὐτὸ	οὐ
shines,	and	the	darkness	it	not

Line 11:
			NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	
κατέλαβεν.	(6) Ἐγένετο	ἄνθρωπος	ἀπεσταλμένος
overtake.	Became	man	having been sent

Line 12:
PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)		DAT.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)		NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)
παρὰ	Θεοῦ,	ὄνομα	αὐτῷ	Ἰωάννης. (7)	οὗτος
from	God,	name	to him	John.	this one

Line 13:
	PREP. W/ACC.(18)	ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)			PREP. W/GEN.(18)
ἦλθεν	εἰς	μαρτυρίαν,	ἵνα	μαρτυρήσῃ	περὶ
came	for	a testimony,	that	he might testify	concerning

Line 14:
GEN.S.N. ART.(13)					PREP. W/GEN.(18)
τοῦ	φωτός,	ἵνα	πάντες	πιστεύσωσι	δι'
the	light,	that	all	might believe	through

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 15:
GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)		3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(22)	NOM.S.N. ART.(13)	
αὐτοῦ.	(8) οὐκ	ἦν,	ἐκεῖνος	τὸ	φῶς,
him.	not	was	that one	the	light,

Line 16:
			PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.S.N. ART.(13)	
ἀλλ'	ἵνα	μαρτυρήσῃ	περὶ	τοῦ	φωτός.
but	that	he might testifty	concerning	the	light.

Line 17:
	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	NOM.S.N. ART.(13)	NOM.S.N. ART.(13)	NOM.S.N. ADJ.(16)	
(9)	Ἦν	τὸ	φῶς	τὸ	ἀληθινόν,	ὃ
	He was	the	light	the	true,	which

Line 18:
3 PERS. SING. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)		ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)		PREP. W/ACC.(18)
φωτίζει	πάντα	ἄνθρωπον	ἐρχόμενον	εἰς
enlightens	every	man	coming	into

Line 19:
ACC.S.M. ART.(13)	ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	PREP. W/DAT.(18)	DAT.S.M. ART.(13)	DAT.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)	CONJ.
τὸν	κόσμον. (10)	ἐν	τῷ	κόσμῳ	ἦν,	καὶ
the	world.	in	the	world	he was,	and

Line 20:
NOM.S.M. ART.(13)	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)		CONJ.
ὁ	κόσμος	δι'	αὐτοῦ	ἐγένετο,	καὶ
the	world	through	him	became,	and

Line 21:
NOM.S.M. ART.(13)	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	ACC.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)				PREP. W/ACC.(18)
ὁ	κόσμος	αὐτὸν	οὐκ	ἔγνω.	(11)	εἰς
the	world	him	not	knew.		into

Line 22:
ACC.PL.N. ART.(13)	ACC.PL.N. ADJ.(17)		CONJ.	NOM.PL.M. ART.(13)	NOM.PL.M. ADJ.(17)
τὰ	ἴδια	ἦλθε,	καὶ	οἱ	ἴδιοι
the things	his own	he came,	and	the ones	his own

EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 23:

ACC.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)						
αὐτὸν	οὐ	παρέλαβον.	(12)	ὅσοι	δὲ	ἔλαβον
him	not	they received.		as many as	but	received

Line 24:

ACC.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)		DAT.PL.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)	ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)		GEN.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)
αὐτόν,	ἔδωκεν	αὐτοῖς	ἐξουσίαν	τέκνα	Θεοῦ
him,	He gave	to them	authority	children	of God

Line 25:

	DAT.PL.M. ART.(13)	3 PERS.PL. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)	PREP. W/ACC.(18)	ACC.S.N. ART.(13)	
γενέσθαι,	τοῖς	πιστεύουσιν	εἰς	τὸ	ὄνομα
to become,	to the ones	believing	into	the	name

Line 26:

GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)				PREP. W/GEN.(18)		
αὐτοῦ·	(13)	οἳ	οὐκ	ἐξ	αἱμάτων,	οὐδὲ
of him;		who	not	out of	bloods,	neither

Line 27:

PREP. W/GEN.(18)				PREP. W/GEN.(18)	
ἐκ	θελήματος	σαρκός,	οὐδὲ	ἐκ	θελήματος
out of	will	of flesh,	nor	out of	will

Line 28:

		PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)			CONJ.
ἀνδρός	ἀλλ᾿	ἐκ	Θεοῦ	ἐγεννήθησαν.	(14)	Καὶ
of man,	but	out of	God	were born.		And

Line 29:

NOM.S.M. ART.(13)	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)			CONJ.	
ὁ	λόγος	σὰρξ	ἐγένετο,	καὶ	ἐσκήνωσεν
the	word	flesh	became,	and	tabernacled

Line 30:

PREP. W/DAT.(18)	DAT.PL. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)	CONJ.		ACC.S.F. ART.(13)	ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)
ἐν	ἡμῖν,	καὶ	ἐθεασάμεθα	τὴν	δόξαν
among	us,	and	we beheld	the	glory

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 31:
GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)	ACC.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)			PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.S.M. 3DEC.N.(39)
αὐτοῦ,	δόξαν	ὡς	μονογενοῦς	παρὰ	Πατρός,
of him,	glory	as	of an only begotten	from	father,

Line 32:
		CONJ.	GEN.SING.F. 1DEC.N.(15)		
πλήρης	χάριτος	καὶ	ἀληθείας.	(15)	᾿Ιωάννης
full	of grace	and	truth.		John

Line 33:
3 PERS.SING. PRES.ACT.IND.(10)	PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)	CONJ.		
μαρτυρεῖ	περὶ	αὐτοῦ,	καὶ	κέκραγε	λέγων,
testifies	concerning	him,	and	has cried	saying,

Line 34:
NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(21)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)			NOM.S..M. ART.(13)		GEN.SING. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)
Οὗτος	ἦν	ὃν	εἶπον,	῾Ο	ὀπίσω	μου
This One	was	whom	I said,	the One	after	of me

Line 35:
	PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.SING. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)		
ἐρχόμενος	ἔμπροσθέν	μου	γέγονεν·	ὅτι
coming	before	me	has become;	because

Line 36:
NOM.S.M. ADJ.(16)	GEN.SING. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)	3PERS.SING. IMPERF.ACT.IND.(26)		CONJ.	PREP. W/GEN.(18)	GEN.S.N. ART.(13)
πρῶτός	μου	ἦν.	(16)	καὶ	ἐκ	τοῦ
first	of me	he was.		and	out of	the

Line 37:
	GEN.SING.M. 3P.PER.PRO.(20)	NOM.PL. 1P.PER.PRO.(19)		
πληρώματος	αὐτοῦ	ἡμεῖς	πάντες	ἐλάβομεν,
fullness	of him	ourselves	all	we received,

Line 38:
CONJ.		PREP. W/GEN.(18)				NOM.S.M. ART.(13)
καὶ	χάριν	ἀντὶ	χάριτος.	(17)	ὅτι	ὁ
and	grace	succeeding	grace.		because	the

Line 39:
NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12)	PREP. W/GEN.(18)				NOM.S.F. ART.(13)	
νόμος	διὰ	Μωσέως	ἐδόθη,		ἡ	χάρις
law	through	Moses	was given,		the	grace

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EXERCISE ONE (continued)

Line 40:
	CONJ.	NOM.S.F. ART.(13)	NOM.S.F. 1DEC.N.(15)	PREP. W/GEN.(18)		
	καὶ	ἡ	ἀλήθεια	διὰ	᾿Ιησοῦ	Χριστοῦ
	and	the	truth	through	Jesus	Christ

Line 41:
ἐγένετο.	(18)	ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12) Θεὸν	οὐδεὶς	ἑώρακε	πώποτε·
became.		God	no one	has seen	at any time;

Line 42:
NOM.S.M. ART.(13) ὁ	μονογενὴς	NOM.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12) υἱός,	NOM.S.M. ART.(13) ὁ	ὢν	PREP. W/ACC.(18) εἰς	ACC.S.M. ART.(13) τὸν
the	only begotten	son,	the one	being	into	the

Line 43:
ACC.S.M. 2DEC.N.(12) κόλπον	GEN.S.M. ART.(13) τοῦ	Πατρός,	NOM.S.M. DEM.PRO.(22) ἐκεῖνος	ἐξηγήσατο.
bosom	of the	Father,	that one	declared (him).

Matthew 11:5

Line 44:
τυφοὶ	3PERS.PL. PRES.ACT.IND.(10) ἀναβλέπουσιν,	καὶ	χωλοὶ	3PERS.PL. PRES.ACT.IND.(10) περιπατοῦσιν·
blind	are receiving sight,	and	lame	are walking;

Line 45:
λεπροὶ	3PERS.PL. PRES.PASS.IND.(24) καθαρίζονται,	καὶ	κωφοὶ	3PERS.PL. PRES.ACT.IND.(10) ἀκούουσιν·
lepers	are being cleansed,	and	deaf	are hearing;

Line 46:
νεκροὶ	3PERS.PL. PRES.PASS.IND.(24) ἐγείρονται,	καὶ	πτωχοὶ	3PERS.PL. PRES.PASS.IND.(24) εὐαγγελίζονται.
dead	are being raised,	and	poor	are being evangelized.