

**NOTES ON THE PERSEUS WEBSITE**  
**www.perseus.tufts.edu**

The Perseus website offers Greek and Latin texts together with a powerful search engine. From the home page click Help on the gray bar for brief instructions about using the website. What is the difference between Perseus and TLG? TLG (Thesaurus Lingua Graecae) contains all extant Greek texts from Homer to A.D. 600 and most literary Greek texts written between A.D. 600–1453. Perseus offers much less text, but it, too, is growing. Advantages are that it is free to the user and has an English translation for the Greek texts. It is, however, too slow at times to be worthwhile to use.

*Reading or Searching a Text*

To read or search a text click “Collections.” For Greek literary words, click “Greek and Roman Materials.” Works are listed by author. Scroll to the author you want and click the arrow beside the author’s name if one exists. This will give you the list of all the author’s works in Perseus. Note that you can choose English or the original language of a work. Bibliographic information for each text is at the end of each page of the text.

Use the arrows at the top or bottom of any page of a work to go forward or backward. To switch from the English text to the original language and vice versa, click “focus load” on the right at the beginning of any book. Click on the book or card line at the top of any page to go to a different section of the work. To analyze a Greek or Latin word in the text, click on it. A Word Study Tool window will open with a brief analysis.

Word Study Tool: Click a word in a Greek or Latin text. The tool comes up automatically and parses the word, gives links to the dictionaries, and lists the frequency of the word in the work you chose. Click “Word Frequency Statistics (more statistics)” for the word frequency in the Perseus corpus. For information on other words, type in any word (with its diacritical marks) into the search box at the top.

To **search for a single word** in the text you chose, in all the author’s texts in Perseus, or in all Perseus collections, use the search box on the right and choose the text(s) to search. Enter the word with its diacritical marks and choose whether to search for the exact form or for all inflected forms. Click “More search options” to go to a screen that allows you to **search for a phrase** or **multiple words**, to omit words, and to search for all forms of the words you enter. Include diacritical marks.

**Greek stop words**: Searching for the following words will not return any results.

a)/llos, a)/n, a)/ra, a)ll', a)lla/, a)po/, au)to/s, d', dai/, dai/s, de/, dh/, dia/, e(autou=, e)/ti, e)a/n, e)gw/, e)k, e)mo/s, e)n, e)pi/, ei), ei)/mi, ei)mi/, ei)s, ga/r, ga^, ge, h(, h)/, kai/, kata/, me/n, meta/, mh/, o(, o(/de, o(/s, o(/stis, o(/ti, oi(, ou(/tws, ou(=tos, ou), ou)/te, ou)=n, ou)de/, ou)dei/s, ou)k, para/, peri/, pro/s, so/s, su/, su/n, ta/, te, th/n, th=s, th=|, ti, ti/, ti/s, tis, to/, to/n, toi/, toiou=tos, tou/s, tou=, tw=n, tw=|, u(mo/s, u(pe/r, u(po/, w(/ste, w(s, w)=

*General Search Tools*

Click “search this work” beside the name of a text on the Collections page or click “More search options” under the search box on a page of text to go to the General Search Tools.

English to [Language] Word Search: You may begin here if you have an English word and would like to find the Greek lexical forms in LSJ that contain the English word in their definitions. I tried the word “gold” and retrieved 215 Greek words.

Moral: It is best to know the Greek word you want before you use Perseus.

Dictionary Entry Lookup: Use this tool to find a specific word or a word starting with, ending with, or containing a given string of letters.

Use Search dates to find dates and Search people to find personal names within the text you chose. Use Search places to find place names. By entering the name of a country, e.g., Perseus brings up all references in the text to places within that country.