

AGE Unit 7 (-ω verbs) Part 2 (future tense)
CLASSICAL reading

Aristophanes *Ecclesiazusae* 773-83

In this comedy, the women of Athens have taken control of the government and implemented a communal state. All citizens are supposed to bring their property downtown to be distributed equally. In this scene, a Neighbor is getting his things ready, but another Man is cynical about the idea:

NEIGHBOR

λέγουσι γοῦν ἐν ταῖς ὁδοῖς.

MAN

λέξουσι γάρ.

NEIGHBOR

καί φασιν οἴσειν...

MAN

φήσουσι γάρ.

NEIGHBOR

ἀπολεῖς ἀπιστῶν πάντ'.

MAN

ἀπιστήσουσι γάρ.

NEIGHBOR

ὁ Ζεὺς σέ γ' ἐπιτρέψειεν.

MAN

ἐπιτρέψουσι γάρ.

οἴσειν δοκεῖς τιν', ὅστις αὐτῶν νοῦν ἔχει;

οὐ γὰρ πάτριον τοῦτ' ἐστίν.

NEIGHBOR

ἀλλὰ λαμβάνειν ἡμᾶς μόνον δεῖ;

VOCABULARY

ἀπιστέω -ήσω disbelieve

ἀπιστῶν -ῶντος ὁ non-believer

γ' = γε emphasizes previous word

γοῦν = γε + οὔν

δεῖ it's necessary

δοκέω think

ἐπιτρέψειεν (3rd sg) "May (s/he) blast"

ἐπιτριπέω -ψω blast

ἔχω have, hold

Ζεὺς, Διός ὁ Zeus

ἡμᾶς (acc pl) us

λέγω, λέξω say, talk

μόνον only

νοῦν (acc sg) ὁ mind, sense

ὁδοῖς (dat pl) ἡ road, street

πάντ' = πάντα (acc pl) τό everything

πάτριον (nom/acc sg) τό native

σέ (acc sg) you

τοῦτ' = τοῦτο (nom/acc sg) τό this

φέρω, οἴσω carry