

## PROCLITICS in CLASSICAL GREEK

Ten (10) words in Greek lean on the word that follows for their accent. These ten words are called "proclitics" and ordinarily do not bear any accent.

1.2.3.4. The nominative forms of the masculine and feminine article are proclitic:

ὁ	οἱ
ἡ	αἱ

5.6.7. Three prepositions are proclitic:

ἐν "in, on, among"      ἐκ/ἐξ "out from"      εἰς "into"

On rare occasions, a preposition follows its noun and bears an accent:

ἐν τῇ χώρᾳ but τῇ χώρᾳ ἔν "in the country"

8. The conjunction εἰ "if" is proclitic.

9. The adverb οὐ, οὐκ, οὐχ "not" is proclitic, except when it stands alone or ends a sentence.

οὐχ οἱ θεοί, ἡμεῖς δὲ οὐ. "not the gods and not us"

οὐ. "no!"

10. The conjunction and adverb ὥς "as, so that" is proclitic, unless it follows its comparandum:

ὥς θεός but θεὸς ὥς "as a god"

Ordinarily, proclitics bear accents only when followed by an enclitic:

οὐκ εἰμι θεός. "I am not a god."

οὐ τε (also written οὐτε) "and not"