

Suggested Greek New Testament Resources for Beginners

in order of relative complexity

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REVERSE INTERLINEAR

0-310-20377-5 Red	The NIV English Greek New Testament • A Reverse Interlinear (Mounce)	<p>The author reorders the Greek words to fit under the English phrases of the NIV. That means you don't see the Greek words in the order they were originally written (which <i>is</i> important <i>if</i> you want to learn to read Greek).</p> <p>Those who have mastered Greek may frown upon such books but I would rather see someone use this book than not be exposed to <u>any</u> Greek.</p> <p>I recommend you read (even in the bookstore) the first section of Appendix A; General; 1. Languages are not codes.</p> <p>The book uses Goodrick/Kohlenberger's (GK) numbers under the Greek words as opposed to Strong's numbers (SRN). You have to use the table in Appendix B to convert to a SRN.</p> <p><i>You can use the GreekToMe program or GreekToMeLite app to enter a G/K number, and then switch to view the SRN, and vice versa.</i></p>
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GREEK INTERLINEAR

0-8423-4564-7 Maroon	The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament	Personal size hardcover. Easy to carry to church, etc.
0-8423-1213-7 Maroon	The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament	Standard hardcover. Has larger print, and it feels like a textbook.
0-8423-4565-5 Red	The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament	Personal size bonded leather. Out of print the last time I checked. I'm blessed to have one, which I had rebound.
		<p>Though the type of paper and font sizes differ, all three of these books have the same page layout. All use κ for the Greek letter kappa.</p> <p>The translation in the margin is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). The NRSV isn't a widely used translation, but the focal point of the book is the interlinear, not the NRSV. I only refer to the NRSV if the literal translation of the Greek is hard to comprehend, and I would refer to several other translations if the Greek passage</p>

were particularly complex.

LEXICON

0-943575-33-8 Brown	The New Analytical Greek Lexicon (Perschbacher)	This is a concise dictionary of <u>every</u> word in the Greek New Testament. Although it has the Strong Reference Numbers (SRNs), you ultimately need to know the Greek alphabet if you are going to effectively look up Greek words in this book. (The Quick Reference in GreekToMe and GreekToMeLite contains the Greek alphabet, as does many online sources.)
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LEARNING TO READ GREEK

0-87123-285-5	Basic Greek In 30 Minutes a Day (Jim Found)	The easiest book I could find on learning Greek. It went slow enough for me to understand it by myself without getting <i>lost</i> . I've even seen this book at Barnes and Noble.
0-8010-3019-6 Orange	Learn New Testament Greek, 3rd Edition, with Accents plus Audio CD-ROM (Dobson)	I tried to use the 2nd Edition to <i>start</i> learning Greek but it was too hard for me to follow by myself. (You might not have a problem!) I was able to straightforwardly complete this book <i>after</i> I completed Basic Greek In 30 Minutes a Day. You would certainly be able to start with this book if you had an instructor/mentor.
0-310-23660-6 Yellow	A Summer Greek Reader (Goodrich, Diewert)	After you begin to read Greek a little, you can practice translating small portions of the Bible while increasing your vocabulary.

GRAMMAR

0-310-23229-5 Fuchsia (Purple)	The Basics of New Testament Syntax (Wallace)	Focuses on Greek grammar such as verb tense and voice. I think this is one of the easier of the grammar books to follow. I read the whole book and then read it again a couple years later. I understood more the second time.
0-8010-2181-2	It's <u>Still</u> Greek To Me (David Alan Black) <i>(Notice: Dr. Black's book is not named after the GreekToMe program nor vice versa.)</i>	This book is enjoyable to read and it is packed with clear grammar explanations and scripture references for those who are relative new to Greek or need a refresher. Hint: The GreekToMe program makes it easy to quickly look up a verse, in order to understand the point the author is making about the verse.

VOCABULARY

0-310-22695-3 Blue-Gray	Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament (Trenchard)	This book has many memorization aids to help you increase the number of Greek words you know (or at least recognize).
0-8028-0486-1 Black-Tan	Building Your New Testament Greek Vocabulary (Van	This is a similar kind of book that highlights <u>word families</u> as well as word frequency. For

	Voorst)	example, words that may differ only by a prefix or suffix are listed together.
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GREEK-ONLY BIBLE (yikes!)

3-438-05111-7 Maroon	The Greek New Testament, Fourth Revised Edition	Leather. A little smaller than 0-8423-4564-7 listed above.
3-438-05113-3 Maroon	The Greek New Testament, Fourth Revised Edition	Leather with Dictionary (in the back). You must know a significant amount of Greek even to use the dictionary, because unlike the 0-943575-33-8 lexicon listed above which has <u>every</u> Greek word, this dictionary only has [brief] definitions listed by lexical word.
978-3-438-05150-9 Maroon	The <i>UBS</i> Greek New Testament, A Reader's Edition Greek Bible Text: The Greek New Testament, Fourth Revised Edition	Leather. Low frequency words (i.e. words that don't occur very often in the Greek text) are indicated with a superscript number in the text, and then a [brief] definition (and word grammar abbreviation) is given at the bottom of the page on which they occur.
	<i>Note: The Fifth Edition (i.e. UBS5) is now available.</i>	These all use κ for the Greek letter kappa.

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