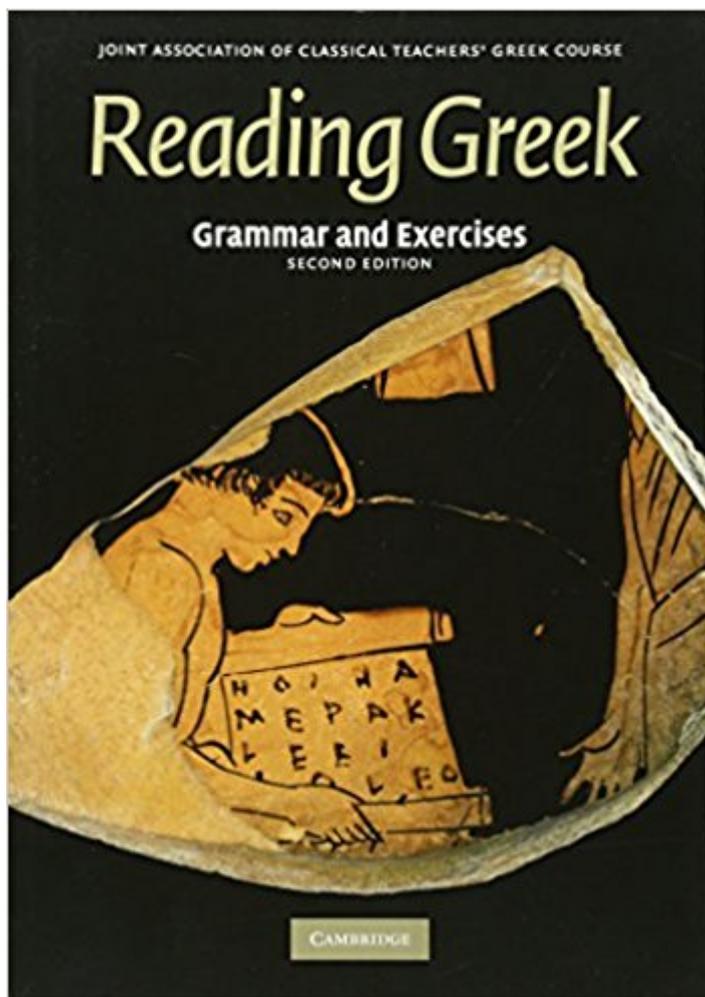


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A good book for introduction to Greek. The author does a good job explaining most of the grammatical phenomena that you will experience in Greek, however at times he is a bit terse in his explanations and examples, especially towards the back of the textbook (The hortatory, preventative, and deliberative subjunctive, for example). Other than that, it pairs really nicely with his Text and Vocabulary textbook, and will get you up to a point where you are able to read some Plato and Homer with only a little bit of external help.

I have the Kindle version of "Reading Greek: Grammar & Exercises" and it's perfectly fine. When accented, the lowercase upsilon looks slightly off--it's below the baseline and a bit larger than the other characters--but it's not a problem. My only complaint is that some of the charts are on the small side. The Kindle version of the Text & Vocabulary volume may still have issues however. I don't own it, but I previewed it using the "Look Inside" feature, and there are definitely problems with the Greek font. By the way, I recommend the Grammar even for those not working their way through the JACT course. Sections B and C are a reference grammar and language survey that will serve anyone who wants a well-organized, even entertaining, review.

This book is very clearly written and gives explanations of forms and grammar that are quite easy to understand. Highly technical language is avoided which helps the student to grasp the concepts apart from wrestling with complicated nomenclature. The exercises offered are continuous and plentiful, offering many opportunities to work on those issues that demand more work.

I was excited to get this series for kindle-only to find that the text (Part 1) is not on the kindle. What's the deal!? The grammar and exercises and the answer key are on the kindle but not the reading text? *Update, now available on Kindle, though some complain of formatting issues...boo.

This book is very helpful for the New Testament Greek I'm trying to learn. Has basics things that for an old person like me & needed a refresher. Like it very much. Use it every day. Of course, you must spend at least 2-3 hours every day to learn N.T. Greek.....

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