



Lesson 1: Thank You!

Ευχαριστώ

LESSON NOTES

Wherever your destination maybe, manners are a must! And in this respect, Greece is no different. So in our very first lesson, we'll be teaching you a simple phrase that is bound to come in handy throughout your trip to Greece. I can't stress this enough, a little a bit of language can go such a long way!

In Greek "Thank you." is "Efharisto". Let's break it down by syllable "Ef-ha-ri-sto".

You can emphasize "Efharisto" by adding "para poli" which means literally "very much".

You could say "Efharisto para poli", which would be equivalent to "Thank you very much" or "Thanks a lot".

Let's break it down by syllable "Ef-ha-ri-sto pa-ra po-li".

In Greek there are other ways to express one's gratitude, but they are all variations using "Efharisto," which is a noun, and the subject "Sas", which is a more formal "thank you very much".

There will be occasions where you will really want to show your appreciation and politeness. During occasions such as these, you can use the subject "Sas".

"I thank you" is in Greek "Sas Efharisto para poli".

Let's break it down by syllable "Sas Ef-ha-ri-sto pa-ra po-li". The first word "Sas", "you", is used to make the phrase both formal, and plural. This is followed by "Efharisto" "para poli", which means "very much".

Let's break it down by syllable "pa-ra po-li".

PHRASES

Greek	Romanization	English
Ευχαριστώ.	Efharisto.	Thank you.
Σας Ευχαριστώ Πάρα πολύ.	Sas Efharisto para poli.	I thank you (formal).
Σας Ευχαριστώ Πάρα πολύ.	Sas Efharisto para poli.	I thank you (plural).

QUICK TIP

By far, “Efharisto” is the most common way to say “Thank you”. Remember, when in doubt, keeping it simple is always your safest bet. You don’t have to worry about formal or informal situations; “Efharisto” can be used with just about anyone, anywhere and anytime. You say “Efharisto” when the waiter brings your food or drinks; when the clerk in the hotel takes your luggage to your room (of course, throwing in a tip won’t hurt either!); when somebody welcomes you, or congratulates you. It doesn’t matter his/her profession or age; “Efharisto” or “Efharisto para poli” will always be an appropriate response.