

Greek and Latin Resources Available as Apple Apps

1. LSJ Greek Dictionary

The LSJ application, which is really wonderfully designed and easy to use, is called "Lexiphanes"; it was created by a classics PhD student at Princeton named Harry Schmidt, who has also produced a Latin dictionary and parser called "Lexidium". As of now, Lexiphanes is only available on touch-screen devices made by the Apple Corporation: the iPhone (which is what I use to access the application), the iPad, and the iPod Touch.

If you have one of these devices, you can simply download the application through Apple's iTunes, either on your device or on your computer, for a one-time cost of \$3.99. The application is free to use once you have downloaded it.

Here's a link to the Lexiphanes page on the iTunes website:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lexiphanes-greek-dictionary/id321689220?mt=8>

Near the upper left corner you should see a blue "View in iTunes" button. If you have iTunes on your computer, then clicking this button should open iTunes and present you with the option of buying the application. Once you have the application on your device, it should be quite simple to operate. You can use the old Beta Code system for typing Greek with a standard English-language keyboard, or you can enable the iPhone/iPad's Greek keyboard (much easier to use) by following these steps:

- 1) Click on "Settings"
- 2) Click on "General"
- 3) Click on "Keyboard"
- 4) Click on "International Keyboards"
- 5) Click "Add New Keyboard..."
- 6) Click "Greek"

Done!

Then, next time you open the Lexiphanes application, when you click on the "Greek Dictionary Search" box to enter text and the keyboard appears, you can click on the image of a globe immediately to the left of the spacebar and switch the keyboard to Greek. To switch back to English, simply click on the globe icon again.

Here is some more information about the Lexiphanes application from the creator's website:

<http://www.goldibex.com/lexiphanes>

2. Smyth's Greek Grammar

Accessing Smyth via phone/iPod is a pretty simple process, but again, it requires a device that can connect to the internet and display PDF documents. What you do, essentially, is go online using your phone's web browser, find a link to download the grammar in PDF form (such as this one, the first result produced by a google search for "Smyth grammar": http://www.textkit.com/learn/ID/142/author_id/63/), download it, and open it up. The first time I opened the PDF, my phone automatically converted it into iBook form (Apple's e-reader, roughly equivalent to the Amazon Kindle software), which provides a nice navigation system complete with hyperlinked table of contents, bookmarking feature, etc...pretty cool.