

LESSON 3: Key to composition

1) Dear teacher, do not teach the wicked sons of the doctor!
vocative V DO gen

ὦ φίλε διδάσκαλε, μὴ δίδασκε τοὺς τοῦ ἰατροῦ κακοὺς υἱοὺς.

2) [You (pl) will stop the evil man,] [for //his// sons are hearing bad stories.]¹
..... S+V DO S V DO

ὕμεις παύσετε τὸν κακὸν ἄνθρωπον· οἱ γὰρ υἱοὶ ἀκούουσι κακοὺς λόγους.

3) [You (sg) have a fine house,] but [do not have good sons.]
S+V DO S+V DO

καλὸν μὲν οἶκον ἔχεις, καλοὺς δὲ υἱοὺς οὐκ ἔχεις.

4) [A fine story is useful to men.] [Tell therefore fine stories.]
... S ... V P N IO V ... DO...

καλὸς λόγος ἐστὶ χρήσιμος ἀνθρώποις. λέγε οὖν καλοὺς λόγους.

5) Who will persuade the wise² to shun (their) good friends?
S V DO infinitive DO of infinitive

τίς πείσει τοὺς σοφοὺς φεύγειν τοὺς καλοὺς φίλους;

¹ There are two sentences or main clauses here. I mark them by enclosing them within square brackets

² = "wise men"