

9.4: Adding the Aorist to the Greek verbal system

We now add the Aorist to the previous synopsis. Note how the Aorist Passive and the Future Passive are not included. **Neither the Future nor the Aorist Middle may be used as passive.** We will learn later a special stem upon which these two tenses of the Passive voice are based.

Note: This Aorist is called "First" to signify that it is regular. It can be built upon the Present stem. A Second Aorist, which we will learn soon, is not regular and has its own stem. They differ only in form, but their meanings and functions are the same. Compare "helped" (regular past tense) and "brought" (irregular).

ACTIVE VOICE

Stems	Tenses	Moods	Indicative Mood	Imperative Mood	Infinitive (not a Mood)
Present: ΠΑΥ-	Present Tense		ΠΑΨΕΙ he stops (someone or something)	ΠΑΨΕΤΩ let him stop (someone or something)	ΠΑΨΕΙΝ to stop (someone or something)
		Imperfect Tense	ἔΨΑΥΕ he was stopping, used to stop (someone or something)	Only the Indicative Mood has an Imperfect	Only the Indicative Mood has an Imperfect
Future: ΠΑΨ-	Future Tense		ΠΑΨΕΙ he will stop (someone or something)	NO FUTURE IMPERATIVE	ΠΑΨΕΙΝ to be about to stop (someone or something)
Aorist: ΠΑΨΑ-	Aorist Tense		ἔΨΑΥΕ he stopped (s/one or s/thing)	ΠΑΨΑΤΩ* same translation as Present Imperative: let him stop (s/one or something)	ΠΑΨΑΙ* same translation as Present Infinitive: stop (someone or something)

MIDDLE VOICE

Stems	Tenses	Moods	Indicative Mood	Imperative Mood	Infinitive (not a Mood)
Present: ΠΑΥ-	Present Tense		παύεται he ceases, rests	παυέσθω let him cease, rest	παύεσθαι to cease, rest
		Imperfect Tense	ἐπαύετο he was resting, used to rest	Only the Indicative Mood has an Imperfect	Only the Indicative Mood has an Imperfect
Future: ΠΑΥΣ-	Future Tense		παύσεται he will cease, rest	NO FUTURE IMPERATIVE	παύσεσθαι to be about to stop, rest
Aorist: ΠΑΥΣΑ-	Aorist Tense		ἐπαύσατο he ceased, rested	παυσάσθω* same translation as Present Imperative: let him cease, rest	παύσασθαι* same translation as Present Infinitive: to cease, rest

PASSIVE VOICE

Stems	Tenses	Moods	Indicative Mood	Imperative Mood	Infinitive (not a Mood)
Present: ΠΑΥ-	Present Tense		παύεται he is (being) stopped	παυέσθω let him be stopped	παύεσθαι to be stopped
		Imperfect Tense	ἐπαύετο he was (being) stopped, used to be stopped	Only the Indicative Mood has an Imperfect	Only the Indicative Mood has an Imperfect

*** AORIST IMPERATIVES AND INFINITIVES ARE INCLUDED HERE IN ORDER TO PRESENT A COMPLETE CHART, BUT THEIR FORMS WILL BE STUDIED IN LESSON 10.**