

### Review 0.4.1: Basic phonetics of vowels

To avoid hiatus:

- ◆ Final vowels are often *elided* (dropped) if the following word begins with a vowel:

$\tilde{\alpha}\rho\alpha \ \epsilon\tilde{\iota} > \tilde{\alpha}\rho' \ \epsilon\tilde{\iota}$

- ◆ When, (especially) in conjugation or declension, an ending beginning with a vowel is applied to a stem ending in a vowel, the two vowels *contract*. Simplified rules encountered in this course:

$\epsilon + \epsilon > \epsilon\iota$

$\epsilon + \omicron > \omicron\upsilon$

$\epsilon + \text{a long sound} > \text{that long sound}$