

Lesson 4: Key to composition

Main clauses are enclosed in square brackets; dependent clauses, in round parentheses.

- 1) *dependent clause* (If you have nice gifts,) [*main clause* bring a gift to a friend with great joy.]  
 S+V --DO-- V DO IO dat of manner

εἰ ἔχεις καλὰ δῶρα, φέρε δῶρον φίλῳ μακροᾷ χαρᾷ.

- 2) [Rocks will not nourish the farmers,] but [peace will //nourish the farmers//].  
 S ----- V ----- DO S ----- V ----- DO

αἱ πέτραι οὐ τρέψουσι τοὺς γεωργοὺς ἀλλ' ἡ εἰρήνη τρέψει.

- 3) What good // thing// do you (pl) hear in the words of evil men?  
 ----- DO ----- S + V ἐν + dat gen

τί ἀγαθὸν ἀκούετε ἐν τοῖς λόγοις τῶν πονηρῶν //ἀνθρώπων//;

- 4) ~~While~~ [the path of pleasure is easy], [the path of excellence is hard.]  
 S gen V PN S gen V PN

ἡ μὲν ὁδὸς τῆς ἡδονῆς ῥαδία, ἡ δὲ ὁδὸς τῆς ἀρετῆς χαλεπή.

- 5) [Persuade (you pl) your brothers to hear the words of the Muses,] [for the Muses are wise.]  
 V --- DO---- infinitive DO gen S V PN

πειθετε τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς ἀκούειν τοὺς λόγους τῶν Μουσῶν· αἱ γὰρ Μοῦσαι σοφαί //εἰσίν.