

# Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

## Grammar

### Deponent Verbs

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**Deponent Verbs are Passive or Middle in form, but Active in meaning.**

For the Present, the Imperfect, and the Pluperfect tenses, the Middle and Passive are the same :

<b>Present</b> ( Middle and Passive )	<b>Imperfect</b> ( Middle and Passive )	<b>Pluperfect</b> ( Middle and Passive )	<b>Future</b>	
			( Middle)	(Passive)
-ομαι	-ομην	-μην	-σομαι	-θησομαι
-η	-ου	-σο	-ση	-θηση
-εται	-ετο	-το	-σεται	-θησεται
-ομεθα	-ομεθα	-μεθα	-σομεθα	-θησομεθα
-εσθε	-εσθε	-σθε	-σεσθε	-θησεσθε
-ονται	-οντο	-ντο	-σονται	-θησονται

Remember that the Imperfect takes the augment before the stem  
the Pluperfect usually has both an augment and a reduplication.

For the **Aorist**, Deponent Verbs usually use the Passive endings - these are called Passive Deponents.  
Passive Deponents generally describe some sort of mental action.  
If the Aorist uses Middle endings, the Verb is called a Middle Deponent.

#### Passive Deponent

eg. βουλομαι - I wish

1st Aorist

Singular

ἔβουληθην

ἔβουληθης

ἔβουληθη

Plural

ἔβουληθημεν

ἔβουληθητε

ἔβουληθησαν

#### Middle Deponent

eg. γινομαι - I become, happen, am

2nd. Aorist - different stem, with endings as for Imperfect

ἔγενομην

ἔγενου

ἔγενετο

ἔγενομεθα

ἔγενεσθε

ἔγενοντο