

LING-UA 1 *Language*
Language Change, FRH 8

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Logistics

- ▶ **Exam 2:** Well done!
- ▶ **Random studying advice**
 - ▶ More memorization for Exam 3, less problem-solving
 - ▶ Active recall, spaced repetition
e.g.: flashcards, Anki

Questions from Exam/Lecture?

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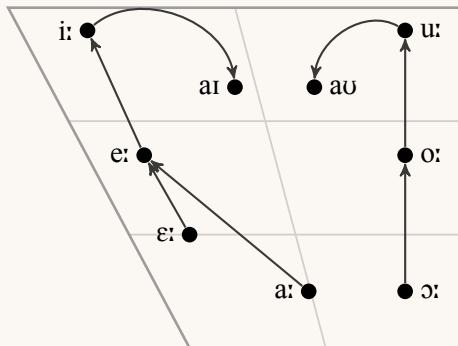
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Great Vowel Shift (English, c. 1400–1600)



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Morphology Changes (Greek Cases)

	Ancient Greek	Modern Greek
NOM	ho	o
ACC	tón	ton
GEN	tû:	tu
DAT	tô:ι	—

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- (17) a. Wrong I mine enemies?
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- (18) a. Knows he not thy voice?
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[TikTok]

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