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Reading Greek - Text and Vocabulary 12G, lines 1-22

Strymodoros: I would be lost, if I remember -

Komias : You seem to me, O Strymodoros, to be placed in some perplexity. Therefore do not conceal the perplexity, being ashamed in front of Euergides, but tell me what you are perplexed about.

Stry: I will tell you, Oh Komias, On account of what did Apollodoros make mention of Lysias and Metaneiras? For I do not remember. I would like, however, to mention what the contestant in the lawsuit said, by Zeus. Would that I remembered everything he said, I would be lost, if I remember. For how would someone put down the vote correctly, if he didn't remember the speeches?

Ko: It is a difficult thing for a juror to decide a case, if he doesn't remember everything the prosecutor says. If, however, you were to become a sophist, you would easily remember all the speeches, O Strymodoros, as seems reasonable, you would not forget the things said. But, just like a certain Hippias, having heard once, you would remember everything.

Stry: Like Hippias? Would that I had been born Hippias.

Ko: If you were Hippias now, you would be able to recite all the archons from Solon. For Hippias, after hearing them once, remembered fifty names.

Stry: Oh, the skill. Would that I remembered so many things. But I am not wise by nature. If all the Sophists were to teach me, they would not be able to make me a sophist. But if Hippias were with us now, how would he teach me? And what would he say? And how would I learn?