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Revision Themes for Time Test 2

Intensive Greek 1

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Time Test 2

- The second time test covers material up to and including Section 4 in *Reading Greek*
 - This means the test does not cover use of past tense, although we have worked with both imperfect and aorist already
- This presentation quickly revisits the key themes covered

Verbs

- Middle present indicative:
 - The middle was introduced at the end of Section 2 and will be more prominent here (forms and usage)
- Present participle:
 - of εἶμι
 - of regular verbs (including contract verbs) in both active and middle
- Bear in mind that the test considers both forms and usage – look out for variable ways of translating the participle!
 - Cf. feedback on the 4D assignment

Pronouns

- Pronouns is a key area in these chapters:
 - Personal pronouns in 3A-B
 - Demonstrative pronouns/adjectives (οὗτος, ἐκεῖνος in 3C-E)
 - Indefinite (τις) and interrogative (τίς) pronouns in 4A-B
- Review the texts of earlier chapters and note where they are used to gain further examples
 - we have often encountered the interrogative τίς and τί

Nouns

- We have added a number of 3rd declension nouns (esp. in 4A-B)
- Try to draw out the common features for the 3rd declension as a whole: this will help when encountering new vocabulary
- Don't forget the wholly irregular nouns ναῦς and Ζεύς in RG 74
 - Cf. Feedback Seminar on 4D
- ...and do note the commonly used προᾶγμα, πλῆθος, πόλις (4A-4B), βασιλεύς (RG 97).

Adjectives

- The most commonly used adjectives introduced are πολὺς and μέγας (deviating from καλός only in N/A in M/N in the singular)
- We have also covered 3rd declension adjectives like εὐφρων with the stem εὐφρον-, not fully visible in the nominative
 - ...just as for 3rd declension nouns

Prepositions

- The last chapters have also trained us to use actively prepositions that govern one or more cases
- Particularly the following prepositions are important:
 - With one case only: ἀπό, εἰς, ἐκ, ἐν, σύν
 - With variable meaning depending on case following: διά, ἐπί, πρός, περί, ὑπό

Idiomatic Greek

- Important issues of idiomatic Greek in these sections include:
- **Negatives**: remember the importance of whether the first negative in a series is a compound or a simple negative (οὐ/μή)
- **Adjectives as noun**: from τὰ ναυτικά to ὁ καλός
- Also to look out for: **elision** ('spreading aspiration') and **crasis** (affecting vowels)