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IF WE ONLY HAD SUBJECTS, VERBS, AND OBJECTS, COMMUNICATION WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT AND CERTAINLY LESS COLORFUL.

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Article

of is the most important Greek word. Not only does it occur 19867 times in the New Testament, but it will give you significant clues as to the overall structure of a sentence.

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o will match case, number and gender of the word it modifies.

Note: A nouns gender is fixed but the article (and adjectives) will always bend its gender to match it's noun

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Additional rules about Articles

 The most common translation (when translated) of the article is "the"

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Additional rules about Articles

- Greek may use the article when English does not use it, such as before a personal name. Matt 15:15
- This may include the word for God, "Θεοσ". Acts 10:15
- The article is not always used when English requires it – so it is added if needed in the context of the English.

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Adjectives

An adjective is a word that modifies a noun or pronoun (or another adjective)

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Rules about Adjectives

 Adjectives can function adjectively (ie, like a regular adjective, also called an attributive adjective)

Additional Side Point:

- If a word is preceded by ô we say the word is articular
- If a word is not preceded by δ we say the word is anarthrous

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Rules about Articles

- Attributive adjectives tend to be articular.
- There are two attributive adjective forms
 - 1. Article-Modifier-Substantive (Phil 1:15)
 - 2. Article-Noun-Article-Adjective (Eph 4:30)

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Substantival Adjectives

 When an adjective is functioning Substantially, it agrees in gender and number of the word it stands for and its case is determined by its function in the sentence.

Matt 1:19 {ESV vs NIV} or Matt 6:13 {ESV vs NIV} Sometime the translator will have to add a word like "man" to make the translation correct.

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Adjectives

Sometimes, both the nouns, and the adjectives will be anarthrous (no article). (Matt 3:15, Luke 11:34)

In this situation the context will have to be used to determine if it is attributive, sustantival, or predicate

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Pronouns

There are 16,245 pronouns in the Greek Testament.

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Pronouns

- Greek personal pronouns function much as they do in English,
 - number and gender are determined by the antecedent
 - -case is determined by the pronouns function.

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Pronouns (continued)

 Translators sometimes replace a personal pronoun with its antecedent for the sake of clarity

Matt 8:24 (NIV)

Matt 9:10 (esv)

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Pronouns (Continued)

 Since a pronoun subject is implicit in every verb, When a pronoun is supplied with a verb it is being done for EMPHASIS.

Luke 22:70 ie, εγω ετμι (ex 3:14)

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