

# A Short Vocabulary of Mycenaean Linear B

## Representative of Words Common in Ancient Greek

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇 **a-ke-re** = ἀγείρει (*vb.* 3rd sg. act. pres. of ἀγείρω - 'to gather, collect').

𐀀𐀃𐀆 **a-pi** = ἀμφί (*prep./adv.* - 'on both sides').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇 **a-pu** = ἀπύ (*prep./adv.* Aeolic/Arcado-Cypriot form of ἀπό - 'off, away').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **a-ra-ru-ja** = ἀραρυῖα (pf. act. pt. f. sg. of ἀραρίσκω - 'to join, fasten, fix, fit');

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **a-ra-ru-wo-a** = ἀραρυφόα (pf. act. pt. neut. pl.).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **de-de-me-no** = δεδεμένος (perf. pass. pt. m. sg. of δέω - 'to bind, tie, fasten').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **de-ka-sa-to** = δέξατο (*vb.* 3rd. sg. mid. aor. of δέχομαι - 'to take, accept, receive').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **di-do-si** = δίδονσι (*vb.* 3rd. pl. act. pres. of δίδωμι - 'to give, devote, grant'); 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **di-do-to** = δέξατο (*vb.* 3rd. pl. pass. pres.);

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **do-se** = δώσει (*vb.* 3rd. sg. act. fut.);

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **do-so-si** = δώσοντι (*vb.* 3rd. pl. act. fut.); 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **-do-ke** = -δώκε (*vb.* 3rd. sg. act. aor.);

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **de-do-me-na** = δεδομένα (pf. pass. pt. neut. pl.).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-e-si** = ἔενσι (*vb.* 3rd. pl. pres. of εἶμι - 'to be, to exist'); 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-o** = ἐών (pres. pt. m. sg.).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ne-ka** = ἔνεκα (*prep.* with gen. - 'on account of, for the sake of').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-u-ke-to** = εὔχετο (*vb.* 3rd. sg. mid. pres. of εὔχομαι - 'to pray, pay one's vows').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ke** = ἔχει (*vb.* 3rd. sg. act. pres. of ἔχω - 'to have, possess, hold'); 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ko-si** = ἔχονσι (*vb.* 3rd. pl. act. pres.);

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ko** = ἔχων (pres. pt. m. sg.);

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ko-te** = ἔχοντες (pres. pt. m. pl.);

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ke-e** = ἔχεν (pres. act. inf.).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-n-** = ἐν (*prep.* - 'in'). Only in the compound 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-ne-e-si** = ἐνέενσι.

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇 **e-pi** = ἐπί (*prep.* - 'upon'). Also as 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇 **o-pi** = ὀπί.

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-qe-ta** = ἐπέτας (*n.* - 'follower').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **e-re-ta** = ἐρέτας (*n.* - 'rower').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **i-je-re-u** = ἱερεύς (*n.* - 'priest').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **i-je-re-ja** = ἱέρεια (*n.* - 'priestess').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **ke-ra-me-u** = κεραμεύς (*n.* - 'potter');

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **ke-ra-me-ja** = Κεράμεια (*n.* - 'female potter' as a personal name).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **o-pi** = ὀπί (*prep.* - 'upon'). Also as 𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇 **e-pi** = ἐπί.

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **pa-si** = φᾶσί (*vb.* 3rd. sg. act. pres. of φῆμι - 'to say, speak, tell').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **pa-ro** like παρά (*prep./adv.* with dat. - probably 'from' or 'at' in some contexts).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇 **pe-da** like πεδά (Aeolic and Doric with acc. - '(motion) to').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **pe-ri-** like περι- (only in compounds).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **po-ro-** like προ- (only in compounds).

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **po-si** like πρόσ (*ad.* - 'upon').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **qo-u-qo-ta** = βουβότας (*n.* - 'cow-herd').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **te-ke** = θῆκε (*vb.* 3rd. sg. act. aor. of τίθημι - 'to place, put, set').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **u-po** like ὑπό (*ad.* - 'beneath').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **-wi-de** = -φίδε (*vb.* 3rd. sg. act. aor. of ὀράω - 'to see').

𐀀𐀃𐀆𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇𐀇 **wo-wo** = φόρφος > Attic ὄρος (*n.* - 'boundary').

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