Lesson Eight: First Declension Nouns (Module A)
Feminine Nouns
Morphology: The Nominal System (Part 3)
Study Aid Level One: Vocabulary Paradigms

As a study aid, all first declension feminine vocabulary words from Lesson Eight are cited below according to their paradigm hierarchy in alphabetical order. An overview of their case endings is first examined.

Do NOT memorize these paradigms. What is important is to recognize the inflectional forms of the first declension uncontracted feminine forms as they relate to case, gender, and number. Memorize the following master case ending chart below for all n-1a, n-1b, and n-1c uncontracted feminine nouns. Regardless of declension-paradigm, all case endings replicate.

Overview

	Singular Case Endings	**Plural Case Endings**
Nominative	− − − [1] (no case ending)	ι
Genitive	ς [2] (identical to accusative plural)	ῶν [5] (contraction)
Dative	ι (subscript) [3] (contraction)	ις
Accusative	ν	ς [2] (identical to genitive singular)
Vocative	− − − [1, 4] (no case ending)	ι

1. The stems of first declension uncontracted nouns terminating with *alpha* (long or short) or *ēta*, are identical both in their nominative and vocative singular forms. The nominative and vocative singular forms do not exhibit any inflected case ending. The *alpha* or *ēta* that terminates these nouns is actually the stem vowel. Few introductory NTGreek grammars posit that the case ending for first declension nominative and vocative ending terminates with -α. They do this with the hope it will help the beginning student, but in the end, it actually hinders. Finally, the nominative singular is its lexical entry.

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2. Although the genitive singular and accusative plural case endings are identical, only the n-1a feminine words are identical, since the distinction in the other declension-paradigms is made in their stems (ὥρας / ὥρας [n-1a]; φωνῆς / φωνάς [n-1b]; δόξης / δόξας [n-1c]). In the case of n-1a feminine nouns, context or modifying words will help determine its proper case function. Furthermore, when first declension nouns are accented on the ultima in the nominative singular, they regularly have the circumflex on the genitive singular and the acute accent on the accusative plural (δωρεᾶς / δωρεάς).

3. The feminine dative singular is actually the stem + ι. The *iōta* regularly monophthongizes and written under the long *alpha* as an *iōta* subscript.

4. Because the first declension feminine vocative singular is ALWAYS identical to the nominative singular, it will not be separated in the vocabulary paradigms that follow.

5. The genitive plural is -ῶν because of vowel contraction. The circumflex accent is evident of this contraction.

Vocabulary Paradigms

For illustrative sake, the definite article precedes all inflected forms.

First Declension Alpha Pure Feminine Nouns (n-1a)

ἀλήθεια, -ας, ἡ (truth) ἀληθεια + case ending (short final *alpha*)

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἀλήθεια	αἱ ἀλήθειαι
Genitive	τῆς ἀληθείας	τῶν ἀληθειῶν
Dative	τῇ ἀληθείᾳ	ταῖς ἀληθείαις
Accusative	τὴν ἀλήθειαν	τὰς ἀληθείας

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ἁμαρτία, -ας, ἡ (sin) ἁμαρτια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἁμαρτία	αἱ ἁμαρτίαι
Genitive	τῆς ἁμαρτίας	τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν
Dative	τῇ ἁμαρτίᾳ	ταῖς ἁμαρτίαις
Accusative	τὴν ἁμαρτίαν	τὰς ἁμαρτίας

βασιλεία, -ας, ἡ (kingdom) βασιλεια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ βασιλεία	αἱ βασιλείαι
Genitive	τῆς βασιλείας	τῶν βασιλειῶν
Dative	τῇ βασιλείᾳ	ταῖς βασιλείαις
Accusative	τὴν βασιλείαν	τὰς βασιλείας

Γαλιλαία, -ας, ἡ (Galilee) Γαλιλαια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ Γαλιλαία	Γαλιλαία is a proper name. Plural forms should not be expected for proper names. All proper names begin with a capital letter to follow modern convention.
Genitive	τῆς Γαλιλαίας	
Dative	τῇ Γαλιλαίᾳ	
Accusative	τὴν Γαλιλαίαν	

δωρεά, -ᾶς, ἡ (gift) δωρεα + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	δωρεά	δωρεαί
Genitive	δωρεᾶς	δωρεῶν
Dative	δωρεᾷ	δωρεαῖς
Accusative	δωρεάν	δωρεάς

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ἐκκλησία, -ας, ἡ (Church, assembly) ἐκκλησια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἐκκλησία	αἱ ἐκκλησία**ι**
Genitive	τῆς ἐκκλησία**ς**	τῶν ἐκκλησι**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ	ταῖς ἐκκλησία**ις**
Accusative	τὴν ἐκκλησία**ν**	τὰς ἐκκλησία**ς**

ἐξουσία, -ας, ἡ (authority, power) ἐξουσια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἐξουσία	αἱ ἐξουσία**ι**
Genitive	τῆς ἐξουσία**ς**	τῶν ἐξουσι**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ ἐξουσίᾳ	ταῖς ἐξουσία**ις**
Accusative	τὴν ἐξουσία**ν**	τὰς ἐξουσία**ς**

ἡμέρα, -ας, ἡ (day) ἡμερα + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἡμέρα	αἱ ἡμέρα**ι**
Genitive	τῆς ἡμέρα**ς**	τῶν ἡμερ**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ ἡμέρᾳ	ταῖς ἡμέρα**ις**
Accusative	τὴν ἡμέρα**ν**	τὰς ἡμέρα**ς**

καρδία, -ας, ἡ (heart) καρδια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ καρδία	αἱ καρδία**ι**
Genitive	τῆς καρδία**ς**	τῶν καρδι**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ καρδίᾳ	ταῖς καρδία**ις**
Accusative	τὴν καρδία**ν**	τὰς καρδία**ς**

σοφία, -ας, ἡ (wisdom) σοφια + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ σοφία	αἱ σοφίαι
Genitive	τῆς σοφίας	τῶν σοφιῶν
Dative	τῇ σοφίᾳ	ταῖς σοφίαις
Accusative	τὴν σοφίαν	τὰς σοφίας

χαρά, -ᾶς, ἡ (joy) χαρα + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ χαρά	αἱ χαραί
Genitive	τῆς χαρᾶς	τῶν χαρῶν
Dative	τῇ χαρᾷ	ταῖς χαραῖς
Accusative	τὴν χαράν	τὰς χαράς

ὥρα, -ας, ἡ (hour) ὡρα + case ending

n-1a	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ὥρα	αἱ ὧραι
Genitive	τῆς ὥρας	τῶν ὡρῶν
Dative	τῇ ὥρᾳ	ταῖς ὥραις
Accusative	τὴν ὥραν	τὰς ὥρας

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First Declension Ēta Pure Feminine Nouns (n-1b)

ἀγάπη, -ης, ἡ (love) ἀγαπη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἀγάπη	αἱ ἀγᾶπαι
Genitive	τῆς ἀγάπης	τῶν ἀγαπῶν
Dative	τῇ ἀγάπῃ	ταῖς ἀγάπαις
Accusative	τὴν ἀγάπην	τὰς ἀγάπας

ἀδελφή, -ῆς, ἡ (sister) ἀδελφη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἀδελφή	αἱ ἀδελφαί
Genitive	τῆς ἀδελφῆς	τῶν ἀδελφῶν
Dative	τῇ ἀδελφῇ	ταῖς ἀδελφαῖς
Accusative	τὴν ἀδελφήν	τὰς ἀδελφάς

ἀρχή, -ῆς, ἡ (beginning, ruler) ἀρχη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἀρχή	αἱ ἀρχαί
Genitive	τῆς ἀρχῆς	τῶν ἀρχῶν
Dative	τῇ ἀρχῇ	ταῖς ἀρχαῖς
Accusative	τὴν ἀρχήν	τὰς ἀρχάς

γραφή, -ῆς, ἡ (writing, Scripture) γραφη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ γραφή	αἱ γραφαί
Genitive	τῆς γραφῆς	τῶν γραφῶν
Dative	τῇ γραφῇ	ταῖς γραφαῖς
Accusative	τὴν γραφήν	τὰς γραφάς

εἰρήνη, -ης, ἡ (peace) εἰρηνη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ εἰρήνη	αἱ εἰρῆναι
Genitive	τῆς εἰρήνης	τῶν εἰρηνῶν
Dative	τῇ εἰρήνῃ	ταῖς εἰρήναις
Accusative	τὴν εἰρήνην	τὰς εἰρήνας

ἐντολή, -ῆς, ἡ (commandment) ἐντολη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ἐντολή	αἱ ἐντολαί
Genitive	τῆς ἐντολῆς	τῶν ἐντολῶν
Dative	τῇ ἐντολῇ	ταῖς ἐντολαῖς
Accusative	τὴν ἐντολήν	τὰς ἐντολάς

ζωή, -ῆς, ἡ (life) ζωη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ζωή	αἱ ζωαί
Genitive	τῆς ζωῆς	τῶν ζωῶν
Dative	τῇ ζωῇ	ταῖς ζωαῖς
Accusative	τὴν ζωήν	τὰς ζωάς

κεφαλή, -ῆς, ἡ (head) κεφαλη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ κεφαλή	αἱ κεφαλαί
Genitive	τῆς κεφαλῆς	τῶν κεφαλῶν
Dative	τῇ κεφαλῇ	ταῖς κεφαλαῖς
Accusative	τὴν κεφαλήν	τὰς κεφαλάς

παραβολή, -ῆς, ἡ (parable) παραβολη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ παραβολή	αἱ παραβολαί
Genitive	τῆς παραβολῆς	τῶν παραβολῶν
Dative	τῇ παραβολῇ	ταῖς παραβολαῖς
Accusative	τὴν παραβολήν	τὰς παραβολάς

συναγωγή, -ῆς, ἡ (synagogue, meeting) συναγωγη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ συναγωγή	αἱ συναγωγαί
Genitive	τῆς συναγωγῆς	τῶν συναγωγῶν
Dative	τῇ συναγωγῇ	ταῖς συναγωγαῖς
Accusative	τὴν συναγωγήν	τὰς συναγωγάς

φωνή, -ῆς, ἡ (sound, noise, voice) φωνη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ φωνή	αἱ φωναί
Genitive	τῆς φωνῆς	τῶν φωνῶν
Dative	τῇ φωνῇ	ταῖς φωναῖς
Accusative	τὴν φωνήν	τὰς φωνάς

ψυχή, -ῆς, ἡ (soul) ψυχη + case ending

n-1b	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ψυχή	αἱ ψυχαί
Genitive	τῆς ψυχῆς	τῶν ψυχῶν
Dative	τῇ ψυχῇ	ταῖς ψυχαῖς
Accusative	τὴν ψυχήν	τὰς ψυχάς

First Declension Feminine Hybrid Nouns (n-1c)

Γέεννα, -ης, ἡ (Gehenna) Γεεννα + case ending (final short *alpha*)

n-1c	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ Γέεννα	Γέεννα is a proper noun. Therefore, as one should expect, there are not any plural forms. The word is capitalized here although not capitalized in most Greek editions.
Genitive	τῆς Γεέννης	
Dative	τῇ Γεέννῃ	
Accusative	τὴν Γέενναν	

γλῶσσα, -ης, ἡ (tongue, language) γλωσσα + case ending
  (final short *alpha*)

n-1c	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ γλῶσσα	αἱ γλῶσσαι
Genitive	τῆς γλώσσης	τῶν γλωσσῶν
Dative	τῇ γλώσσῃ	ταῖς γλώσσαις
Accusative	τὴν γλῶσσαν	τὰς γλῶσσας

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δόξα, -ης, ἡ (glory) δοξα + case ending (final short *alpha*)

n-1c	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ δόξα	αἱ δόξα**ι**
Genitive	τῆς δόξη**ς**	τῶν δοξ**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ δόξῃ	ταῖς δόξα**ις**
Accusative	τὴν δόξα**ν**	τὰς δόξα**ς**

θάλασσα, -ης, ἡ (sea, lake) θαλασσα + case ending (final short *alpha*)

n-1c	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ θάλασσα	αἱ θάλασσα**ι**
Genitive	τῆς θαλάσση**ς**	τῶν θαλασσ**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ θαλάσσῃ	ταῖς θαλάσσα**ις**
Accusative	τὴν θάλασσα**ν**	τὰς θάλασσα**ς**

ῥίζα, -ης, ἡ (root, branch) ῥιζα + case ending (final short *alpha*)

n-1c	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἡ ῥίζα	αἱ ῥίζα**ι**
Genitive	τῆς ῥίζη**ς**	τῶν ῥιζ**ῶν**
Dative	τῇ ῥίζῃ	ταῖς ῥίζα**ις**
Accusative	τὴν ῥίζα**ν**	τὰς ῥίζα**ς**