Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) & Perseus 4.0

TLG and Perseus 4.0 are now closely linked together. You can perform a search on the lexical form of a Greek word in TLG and then go directly to the LSJ Greek-English Lexicon in either TLG or Perseus. You can also be taken to all instances of a word found in Perseus 4.0.

- Perseus 4.0 is available for free from any computer at http://www.perseus.tufts.edu. A detailed tutorial is available at the Perseus site: http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/help/quickstart.jsp
- TLG is linked at the Library’s Online Databases page (if off-campus, you will need to sign in with your webmail ID): http://gordonconwell.beta.libguides.com/az.php

Accessing the Liddell-Scott-Jones Greek-English Lexicon on TLG:

1. Navigate to the Library’s Online Databases http://gordonconwell.beta.libguides.com/az.php, and click the link next Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) Liddell-Scott-Jones Greek-English Lexicon heading and log in to the proxy server if necessary.

2. To navigate to a particular Greek lexical entry, either browse the list of words in the left sidebar, or enter the lexical form of the Greek word in the LSJ Headword or page # field using the following equivalent Latin characters:

   | a | b | g | d | ε | ζ | η | θ | i | k | λ | μ | ν | ξ | ο | π | σ/ς | τ | υ | φ | χ | ψ | ω |
   | a | b | g | d | ε | ζ | η | θ | i | k | λ | μ | ν | ξ | ο | π | σ/ς | τ | υ | φ | χ | ψ | ω |

   A list of words beginning with the letters you have entered will appear in a drop-down menu below the field (or an error message will appear if there are no words that begin with the string of letters you type). Click the appropriate word that appears in the drop-down menu.

3. In the lexical entry for your word, you can navigate to any particular cross-reference by clicking the appropriate hyperlink. If you have not yet logged into TLG, “pop-up” previews will appear. You can also browse to surrounding words using ↑ or ↓ arrows near the center of the screen or using links in the left sidebar.

4. To search the full-corpus of literature in TLG for your particular word, select “Full TLG Corpus” and click the GO button. You will be prompted to log into your TLG account (or create a new account if you have not already).

5. To view a list of occurrences of your word in chronological order, set up your user profile settings as shown below:

   [Lines of context: 3] Display: Greek Sort by: Date (earliest) Results per page: 100

6. Note: The list of occurrences of your word includes ALL writings in the full TLG corpus. You can limit your search by date using the instructions in the next section “Searching TLG.”

Searching TLG:

1. Navigate to the Library’s Online Databases page http://gordonconwell.beta.libguides.com/az.php, and Click the Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) Texts link and log into the proxy server if necessary.

2. If you have not already set up an account, set one up (top right of the screen). If you already have an account, log in.

3. On the next page, you can choose a number of “kinds of searches”.
   
   a. To limit your search to certain time periods:
      Select “CANON” to search the list of authors and works in TLG. Use the drop-down date menu to
select a range of up to five centuries. You can then check off the authors you would like to search.

b. To search for a specific genre of literature:
Select the appropriate genre found in the menu list labeled **Generic Epithet**. For instance, the entry labeled "Pseudepigr." will bring up a list of works found in the Greek Old Testament Pseudepigrapha.

c. To search the whole TLG corpus:
Click the **TEXT SEARCH** option in the top menu and skip to step 4 below.

2. Select the Lemma radio button.

4. Either type the transliteration (as shown above in the LSJ instructions) or click the Keyboard icon to the bottom right of the screenshot above. Click the "GO" button.

5. A list of results will show.

6. Your best bet for finding English translations will likely be to copy a Greek phrase near your word and then paste it into a search in the Loeb Classical Library online. You may be able to find English translations in Perseus if you “browse” the text by clicking the box with arrow icon ▶.


**Note:** It is best to search the LXX, New Testament, Josephus, Philo, Greek Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and Apostolic Fathers using BibleWorks. You can ignore the hits in these works when using TLG if you have searched them by some other means.
Accessing Perseus 4.0 Without TLG

Perseus is a free online resource that contains some of the "greatest hits" of ancient Greek writings. It is available to all regardless of being on-campus or off. TLG is not. So, you may want to perform a search for your Greek word in Perseus without TLG.

1. Go to http://www.perseus.tufts.edu. Click the All Search Options link at the top right of page.

2. Under Search the collections, select Greek in the “Search in” drop-down menu.

3. Check off Search for all possible forms.

4. Under Limit search to: uncheck all boxes except Greek and Roman Materials and Duke Databank of Documentary Papyri.

5. Enter the lexical form of your word (with correct breathing marks and accents using the shown to the right. →

Examples:

a. ἄβυσσος = a)/bussos
b. πηλός = phlo/s
c. μακροθυμία = makroqumi/a
d. ἐλπίς = e)lpi/s

6. Click the Search button.

7. The results page will have a list of works where your word occurs similar to the gray boxes below:

8. In the second entry (Aeschylus, Suppliant Women) there are more than one occurrences of the search word. To see all occurrences of the word, click the More(#) link.

9. To see the context of each occurrence of your word, click the link to the left of the Greek text (for instance, the card 438 or card 945 links shown above).

10. On the resulting page, your Greek word will be highlighted in blue. If an English translation is available, to the right of the Greek text there will be a dark-gray box similar to the one shown below.

11. To show the English translation in parallel with the Greek text, click the load link. To see the English alone, click the focus link.

12. To see the LSJ Greek-English Lexicon entry for your word, click the highlighted instance of your word. A pop-up window will be displayed with “parsing” information. To see the lexicon entry, click the LSJ link. Any Greek word in the lexicon that is hyperlinked will open up a pop-up window with parsing. Any abbreviation (English text and/or numbers) that is hyperlinked will lead to the referenced Greek text.