

Quiz: Can you distinguish these words?

These words are spelt the same; the only difference is in the accents or breathing marks. Some forms have more than one possibility.

1. αῖ, αῖ
2. ἀλλά, ἄλλα
3. ἀρά, ἄρα, ἄρα
4. αὐταί, αὐται
5. αὐτή, αὐτη, αὐτῆ
6. εἶ, εἶ
7. εἶς, εἶς
8. ἐν, ἔν
9. ἔνι, ἐνί
10. ἔξ, ἔξ
11. ἔξω, ἔξω
12. ἦ, ἦ, ἦ, ἦ, ἦ
13. ἦν, ἦν
14. ἦς, ἦς, ἦς
15. ὄ, ὄ
16. οἶ, οἶ
17. ὄν, ὄν
18. οὐ, οὐ
19. οὐς, οὐς
20. πότε, ποτέ
21. που, ποῦ
22. πως, πῶς
23. τις, τίς
24. ὦ, ὦ
25. ὦν, ὦν
26. Liquid verbs, e.g., μένω, μενῶ
27. Moods, e.g., φοβήθητε, φοβηθήτε

Answers:

1. αἱ (the) = fem pl nom of ὅ (see the [Article](#) paradigm)
αἵ (who) = fem pl nom of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
2. ἀλλά (but)
ἄλλα (other things) = neut pl nom/acc of ἄλλος (see the [Second Declension](#) paradigm)
3. ἄρα (cursing), ἄρα (therefore), ἄρα (indeed?)
4. αὐταί (they) = fem pl nom of αὐτός (see the [Third Person Personal Pronoun](#) paradigm)
αὐται (these) = fem sg nom of οὗτος (see the [Demonstrative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
5. αὐτή (she) = fem sg nom of αὐτός (see the [Third Person Personal Pronoun](#) paradigm)
αὐτή (this) = fem sg nom of οὗτος (see the [Demonstrative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
αὐτῇ (to her) = fem sg dat of αὐτός (see the [Third Person Personal Pronoun](#) paradigm)
6. εἰ (if)
εἶ (you are) = 2nd sg pres act ind of εἶμι (see the [Present Indicative εἶμι](#) paradigm)
7. εἰς (into), εἷς (one) (see the [Adjective 3-1-3 εἷς](#) paradigm)
8. ἐν (in)
ἓν (one thing) = neut sg nom/acc of εἷς (see the [Adjective 3-1-3 εἷς](#) paradigm)
9. ἐνι (there is) = 3rd sg pres act ind of ἐνι (impersonal verb; occurred 6 times in the NT)
ἐνί (to one man/thing) = masc/neut sg dat of εἷς (see the [Adjective 3-1-3 εἷς](#) paradigm)
10. ἐξ (gen: out of), ἕξ (six)
11. ἔξω (outside)
ἔξω (I will have) = 1st sg fut act ind of ἔχω
12. ἣ (the) = fem sg nom of ὅ (see the [Article](#) paradigm)
ἣ (who) = fem sg nom of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
ἢ (or, than)
ἣ (to whom) = fem sg dat of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
ἣ (he/she/it might be) = 3rd sg pres act subj of εἶμι (see the [Subjunctive εἶμι](#) paradigm)
13. ἦν (he/she/it was) = 3rd sg impf act ind of εἶμι (see the [Imperfect εἶμι](#) paradigm)
ἦν (whom) = fem sg acc of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
14. ἧς (of whom) = fem sg gen of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
ἦς (you were) = 2nd sg impf act ind of εἶμι (see the [Imperfect εἶμι](#) paradigm)
ἦς (you might be) = 2nd sg pres act subj of εἶμι (see the [Subjunctive εἶμι](#) paradigm)

15. ὁ (the) (see the [Article](#) paradigm)
 ὃ (which) = neut sg nom/acc of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
16. οἱ (the) = masc pl nom of ὁ (see the [Article](#) paradigm)
 οἷ (who) = masc pl nom of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
17. ὄν (being) = pres act ptcp neut sg nom/acc of εἶμί (see the [Participle εἶμί](#) paradigm)
 ὄν (whom) = masc sg acc of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
18. οὐ (not)
 οὐ (of whom) = masc/neut sg gen of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
 οὐ (where)
19. οὖς (ear)
 οὖς (whom) = masc pl acc of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
20. ποτέ (once), πότε (when?)
21. πού (somewhere), ποῦ (where?)
22. πῶς (somehow), πῶς (how?)
23. τις (someone), τίς (who?) (see the [Interrogative Pronoun & Indefinite Pronoun](#) paradigms)
24. ὦ (I might be) = 1st sg pres act subj of εἶμί (see the [Subjunctive εἶμί](#) paradigm)
 ὦ (O! alas!)
 ὦ (to whom) = masc/neut sg dat of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
25. ὄν (being) = pres act ptcp masc sg nom of εἶμί (see the [Participle εἶμί](#) paradigm)
 ὄν (of whom) = masc/fem/neut pl gen of ὅς (see the [Relative Pronoun](#) paradigm)
26. μένω (I remain) = 1st sg pres act ind
 μένω (I might remain) = 1st sg pres act subj
 μενῶ (I will remain) = 1st sg fut act ind (see the [Liquid Future μένω](#) paradigm)
27. φοβήθητε (fear!) = 2nd pl aor pass imperative (see the [First Aorist Imperative](#) paradigm)
 φοβηθήτε (you might fear) = 2nd pl aor pass subjunctive (see the [First Aorist Subjunctive](#) paradigm)