

The Eight Noun Rules

1. Stems ending in alpha or eta are in the first declensions, stems ending in omicron are in the second, and consonantal stems are in the third
2. Every neuter word has the same form in the nominative and accusative
3. Almost all neuter words end in alpha in the nominative and accusative plural
4. In the dative singular, the iota subscript is possible (only in 1st and 2nd declension)
5. Vowels often change their length (“ablaut”)
6. In the genitive and dative, the masculine and neuter will always be identical
7. The Square of Stops (crucial for understanding 3rd declension changes)
8. A tau cannot stand at the end of a word and will drop off