

# So You Want To Learn Ancient Greek Or Latin?

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## [Quote from Bryan](#)

This is great. I see that for classical Attic he is recommending light aspirated stops, which is excellent. This chart shows clearly what I think is one of the more complicated parts of pronunciation.

One thing about ancient Greek are the aspirations. I took *Phi* or "ph" for granted as /f/ like "philosophy" when it would have been pronounced more like the /p<sup>h</sup>/ in "pot" or "pond". The same is true of *Theta* or "th" which we sometimes pronounce like "thorn" and "thistle", but would have been pronounced more like the /t<sup>h</sup>/ in "top".

[Bryan](#) I'm not sure if you're interested, but I published a little Tolkien project a while ago and this chart was one of the key things that came out of it. It helped me to understand phonology better with a visual map.

