

# On Nature, Book 28

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## [Quote from Bryan](#)

Don, regarding ἡ ἐπιμαρτύρησις et al., I know we have -ησις as a general suffix to form abstract nouns. But I feel that ἡ ῥῆσις "saying" "manner of speaking" must also part of the construction. I cannot quite tell right now if this is obviously there or if I am forcing it.

I could see that, but then ῥῆσις has the -σις abstract suffix. I think the -σις is just doing the work of "nouncing" (to coin a clunky word) the μαρτυρέω.

ῥῆσις: Etymology From stem ῥη- of εἶρω (eírō, “to say”) + -σις (-sis, abstract noun suffix).

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, μαρτυ<sup>ρ</sup>-έω](#)

Derived terms:

ἀντιμαρτυρέω (antimarturéō)  
ἀπομαρτυρέω (apomarturéō)  
διᾶμαρτυρέω (diamarturéō)  
εἰσμαρτυρέω (eismarturéō)  
ἐκμαρτυρέω (ekmarturéō)  
ἐπιμαρτυρέω (epimarturéō)  
κατᾶμαρτυρέω (katamarturéō)  
προσμαρτυρέω (prosmarturéō)  
σὺμμαρτυρέω (summarturéō)  
ὑπομαρτυρέω (hypomarturéō)  
ψευδομαρτυρέω (pseudomarturéō)