

Lesson 12: Nouns/The Third Declension: Class 3 & Nominal Word Clusters

A. Review τὸ (§151), the model for neuter nouns of the third declension, and fix in mind the ways of determining the nom. (= acc.) sing. (the lexical form) of neuter nouns with stems in -τ- (§§170, 173).

B. Decline the following class 3 nouns of the third declension with the appropriate form of the article:

1. Class 3.a: Neuter nouns in -μα (§171)

Sing.

Nom.	<u>τὸ πνεῦμα</u>	<u>τὸ σῶμα</u>
Gen.	_____	_____
Dat.	_____	_____
Acc.	_____	_____

Plur.

Nom.	_____	_____
Gen.	_____	_____
Dat.	_____	_____
Acc.	_____	_____

2. Class 3.b: Other neuter nouns belonging to this class (§172)

Sing.

Nom.	<u>τὸ μέλι</u>	<u>τὸ ὕδωρ</u>	<u>τὸ φῶς</u>
Gen.	<u>τοῦ μέλιτος</u>	<u>τοῦ ὕδατος</u>	<u>τοῦ φωτός</u>
Dat.	_____	_____	_____
Acc.	_____	_____	_____

Plur.

Nom.	_____	_____	_____
Gen.	_____	_____	_____
Dat.	_____	_____	_____
Acc.	_____	_____	_____

- C. Identify the following class 3 nouns of the third declension, indicating all the possible options:

	<i>Gender</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Case</i>
τὸ φῶς (Jn 8:12)	_____	_____	_____
ταῦτα τὰ ῥήματα (Jn 8:20)	_____	_____	_____
σπέρμα (Jn 8:37)	_____	_____	_____
ἐν τῷ φωτὶ (1 Jn 1:7)	_____	_____	_____
τὸ αἷμα (1 Jn 1:7)	_____	_____	_____
διὰ τὸ ὄνομα (1 Jn 2:12)	_____	_____	_____
τὸ θέλημα (1 Jn 2:17)	_____	_____	_____
ἐν ὕδατι (Jn 1:26)	_____	_____	_____
τοῦ ὑποδήματος (Jn 1:27)	_____	_____	_____
τὸ πνεῦμα (Jn 1:32)	_____	_____	_____
ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ (Jn 1:33)	_____	_____	_____

- D. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate forms of the third declension nouns, classes 1, 2 and 3, which are given in the nominative singular form in parentheses:

Ἦν δὲ ἄνθρωπος ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων, Νικόδημος

_____ αὐτῷ, _____ τῶν
 (nom. sing. of ὄνομα) (nom. sing. of ἄρχων)

Ἰουδαίων· οὗτος ἦλθεν πρὸς αὐτὸν _____
 (gen. sing. of νύξ)

ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς, Ἀμήν ἀμήν λέγω σοι, ἐὰν μή τις γεννηθῆ
 ἐξ _____ καὶ _____, οὐ
 (gen. sing. of ὕδωρ) (gen. sing. of πνεῦμα)
 δύναται εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ. τὸ
 γεγεννημένον ἐκ τῆς _____ ἐστίν,
 (σὰρξ) (nom. sing. of σὰρξ)
 καὶ τὸ γεγεννημένον ἐκ τοῦ _____
 (πνεῦμα) (nom. sing. of
 πνεῦμα)
 ἐστίν.

Jn 3:1-2a, 5-6

E. A common word cluster consists of one noun (in any case) qualified by another in the genitive case (§174). The word order in these clusters may vary, however, and three common structures are given in §1750.2. Find one example for each of the following possibilities with word order a) art. + noun (in any case) + gen. art. + gen. noun in 1 Cor 1:10-31:

1. nom. art. + nom. noun + gen. art. + gen. noun:

2. gen. art. + gen. noun + gen. art. + gen. noun:

3. dat. art. + dat. noun + gen. art. + gen. noun:

4. acc. art. + acc. noun + gen. art. + gen. noun:

F. Read aloud the following catalogue of third declension nouns, class 3.a, occurring *ten* times or more in the New Testament and notice their English meanings:

III.3.a Neuters in -μα, -ματος:

- αἷμα, -ατος, τὸ *blood* [cf. *anemia*]
 βάπτισμα, -ατος, τὸ *baptism*
 βῆμα, -ατος, τὸ *judicial bench*
 βρώμα, -ατος, τὸ *food* [cf. *bromide*]
 γράμμα, -ατος, τὸ *letter (of the alphabet), document* [cf. *grammar*]
 δικαίωμα, -ατος, τὸ *righteous deed*
 θέλημα, -ατος, τὸ *will*
 καύχημα, -ατος, τὸ *boast*
 κρίμα, -ατος, τὸ *judgment* [cf. *critic, crisis*]
 ὄνομα, -ατος, τὸ *name* [cf. *onomatopoeia*]
 ὄραμα, -ατος, τὸ *vision* [cf. *panorama*]
 πάθημα, -ατος, τὸ *suffering* [cf. *pathological, sympathy*]
 παράπτωμα, -ατος, τὸ *transgression, sin*
 πλήρωμα, -ατος, τὸ *fullness*
 πνεῦμα, -ατος, τὸ *spirit, wind* [cf. *pneumatic*]
 πρᾶγμα, -ατος, τὸ *deed, thing* [cf. *pragmatic*]
 ῥῆμα, -ατος, τὸ *word* [cf. *rhetoric*]
 σπέρμα, -ατος, τὸ *seed* [cf. *sperm*]
 στόμα, -ατος, τὸ *mouth* [cf. *stomach*]
 σῶμα, -ατος, τὸ *body*
 ὑπόδημα, -ατος, τὸ *sandal*
 χάρισμα, -ατος, τὸ *gift* [cf. *charismatic*]

- G. Pronounce the class 3.b nouns in §172.1-4 and notice their English meanings.