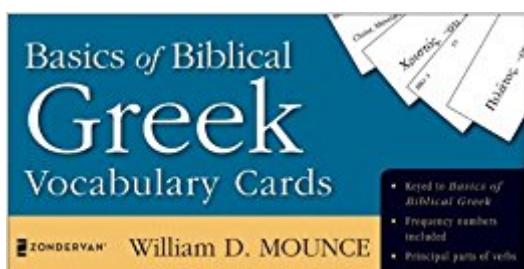


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I recommend these cards, but there are some things that you need to know about that are important. Please note if you buy these cards: 1. These flashcards do NOT cover all words that occur 10 times or more in the NT. It is claimed several times by people writing reviews here, and it is NOT true that they cover all the words that occur 10 times or more in the NT. They basically cover all words 12 times and more, NOT 10 times or more. For words included 12 times or more there are 66 words (card #s 913-979). For words that occur 11 times or more in the NT this flashcard set has only 13 words (card #s 980-992). Metzger includes 76 words that occur 11 times each in the NT. For words that occur 10 times in the NT, this set includes only 8 words (#s 993-1000). Metzger again has 76 words for words occurring 10 times in the NT. And, of the 21 words this set gives for words occurring 10 or 11 times in the NT, they are not very useful, since they are words most would recognize without ever studying Greek vocabulary (e.g.,

ÃfÅ Ä ÄºÃfÅ Ä Ä»ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à /ÃfÅ Ä Ä /ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä , ÄfÅ Ä ÄºÃfÅ Ä Ä»ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä Æ'ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à , ÄfÅ Ä Ä Ä¶ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä»ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à , ÄfÅ•Ä ÆtÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à |ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä Æ'ÃfÅ•Ä à ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à), or they are words you would know because you already learned the noun, adjective, verb form of the word way before now (e.g., ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à , ÄfÅ•Ä Æ'ÃfÅ•Ä à -ÄfÅ Ä Ä»ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à |ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä Ä , ÄfÅ|Ä Ä Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä Æ'ÃfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ Ä Ä ÄfÅ•Ä à , or, for some, the words included above). Anyone who knows Greek will tell you that you must keep your vocabulary fresh. If you buy these to review and to keep your vocabulary fresh, you will have to buy blank cards like I did and make your own for words used 11 times or less.2. They are very difficult to flip. They are not printed to flip the natural way. I would hope that the next time these are printed this will be fixed for future users. My wife says I should go through and write them on the card the right way. I may.3. They do not include roots for the verbs. This is a serious, serious omission, and Mounce himself says as much in BBG (see chapter 20 in his BBG; see also his MBG). He includes the root in BBG for all words occurring over 50 times in the NT, but his lexicon at the back of BBG includes all words occurring over 10 times in the NT. Why doesn't he include the roots to all verbs in his lexicon, including the verbs occurring 10-49 times in the NT and which are in his lexicon? He knows how important they are. But for a person who correctly teaches that roots must be memorized with the lexical form of verbs, and for a person who says

ÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã Å“I hate memorizing words, especially principal partsÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã Å• (Mounce in MBG), why he didnÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã Å„ct include the roots to this set is beyond me. I have to write them on the card myself. If you donÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã Å„ct know the importance of memorizing the root of a verb along with the verb, you are probably a beginner, and you will learn the importance of such. Again, read Mounce himself on the importance of memorizing the root of every verb. That all said, for those three reasons I gave this flashcard set a 4 star rating. I would hope that he will fix #2 and #3 with the next printing, but in the description of the features for this set let people know that it only goes down to words used 12 times or more in the NT (#1 above). ItÃƒÂ¢Ã ¬Ã Å„¢s misleading, imo, to see frequency numbers included on the card that say 10 times and 11 times, because it is only natural to think that ALL words occurring 10 or 11 times are included in this set and it just so happens that it works out to be 1,000 NT words even. How convenient, since only 1,000 cards will fit in the box!

The first 320 cards of this set follow the Basics of Biblical Greek textbook. I image for folks using this textbook, these cards will be invaluable. The Remaining 680 are arranged by frequency (how often they show up in the N.T.). I took three semesters of Greek and my professor never used the above textbook, so we always made our own flashcards. After I graduated, I decided I wanted to continue reviewing and brushing up on my Greek. A friend recommended these. I had the Hebrew version that goes with the Basics of Biblical Hebrew textbook, so I was familiar with the structure and quality of the flashcards already. I haven't been disappointing. Each card has the Greek word on the front with a number in the corner (so you can keep your cards in order). On the back, the cards feature the translation(s) of the word, the chapter in the textbook where the word is first introduced, and the number of times it is used in the N.T. I like the cards because they are simple and easy to use. The only complaint that I have is that once you start using the cards, they have a hard time going back in the box. They come factory packed and plastic-wrapped, so they fit perfectly in the box. Once you open them up and start using them it is a tight squeeze to get them back in. I solved this issue by using the top of the box for storing the flash cards. It leaves a lot more wiggle room. Hebrew cards are the same way.

Using flashcards is almost indispensable to learning a language, and Greek is no exception. In the past I have made my own, but I decided to buy this set and save myself some time. I am really glad I did! It contains all the vocabulary down to 10+ uses. I only used the first 1/3 in working through my first year book, so this will serve me well for several more years to come. Writing out vocabulary can

be useful to learning it, and in those cases where I just wasn't getting it right away, I did write it out in a notebook. Just because you have printed cards doesn't mean you can't still write. I did end up writing some things on the cards, and creating my own cards for certain things. In the textbook, Mounce suggests making a card for each case of a preposition (dia + genitive, dia + accusative, etc.). There is only one printed card for 'dia'. He also suggests making separate cards for the 2nd aorist forms, so these too I had to make for myself. There were no cards for the 'eimi' forms, and I noticed some the vocabulary was out of order between chapters 10 and 11 of the 2nd edition of the textbook. That said, those are very small complaints in light of the tremendous help this set of flashcards has been and will continue to be. I definitely recommend this set!

I have been amazed at how helpful Mounce's Greek flash cards have been. Actually, this is my second set of cards because I previously used the cards that came with Parson's Greek Tutor software. In fact, the usefulness of the Parson's cards led me to buy Mounce's much larger set. Mounce's cards are both more numerous (a thousand instead of about 150) and more detailed listing different word forms and word frequencies in the NT. Mounce's cards also tie in with his grammar book. My cheerfulness about the cards arises because I can review a few words in time that is normally lost. I leave the cards next to my computer and pick them up when I am waiting for the computer to boot or download. They are also good for reviewing when you are stuck on the phone for long periods of time. More to the point, reviewing these cards has helped me focus on vocabulary independent of text. I am prone to skim over NT passage with an interlinear text and be too easily content to know the gist of the sentence than the meaning of particular words outside the context. The cards help me focus on that weakness in my study. Stephen

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