Plato’s Symposium: Core Vocabulary (3 – 6 times)

The following words are marked with an asterisk throughout the commentary. Readers who have memorized the core vocabulary list and wish to learn other words should learn these words as they appear in the commentary or simply memorize the list below.

ἀγαλμα, -atos to: statue, image
ἀγαμα: to wonder at, marvel at, admire
ἀγαπάω: to love, show affection, be fond of
ἀδελφός, ὁ: a brother
ἀ-δικέω: to be unjust, do wrong, injure
ἄδω: to sing
ἄ-δανασία, ἡ: immortality
ἄφεο: to size, take; mid. choose
αἰσθάνομαι: to perceive, feel, learn, realize
ἀμοχίζων, ἡ: shame, disgrace, dishonor
αἰτία, ἡ: cause, reason; charge, blame
ἄ-κλιτος, -ον: uncalled, unbidden
ἀκόλουθος, ὁ: follower
ἀλλήθεια, ἡ: truth
ἀλάκομαι: to be caught, be taken
Ἀλικεςτίς, ἡ: Alcestis
ἄλλο-θ: in another place, elsewhere
ἄ-μαθής, -ῆς: ignorant, foolish, stupid
ἄ-μαθία, ἡ: ignorance, folly
ἄ-μοιρος: without a share in (+ gen.)
ἀνα-μιμήσκο: to remind (acc) of (gen), remember
ἀνα-παύομαι: to rest
ἀνα-φαίνω: to bring to light, show, display
ἀνα-χωρέω: to go back, withdraw, retreat
ἀνδρεία, ἡ: manliness, bravery, courage
ἄνθος, -eos, τό: a blossom, flower, bloom
ἀνθρώπειος, -ας, -ον: human, of a human
ἀνθρώπινος, -ης, -ον: human, of a human
ἀν-ήμι: to send up, let go, give up
ἀν-ιστήμι: to make stand up, raise up, get up
ἀν-νόητος, -ον: foolish, unintelligent
ἀν-οίγμα: to open
ἀν-όμων, -ον: unlike, dissimilar
ἀντι-λέγω: to speak against, challenge
ἀν-υπόδητος, -ης, -ον: unshod, barefoot
ἀπας, ἀπασα, ἀπαν: every, quite all
ἄπ-έχω: to be distant, keep away from
ἄπλως, -ης, -ον: single, simple, absolute
ἀπλώς: singly, plainly, absolutely
ἀπο-βαλώ: to turn out, result; disembark
ἀπο-βλέπω: to look off to, look at, gaze
ἀπο-κρύωμαι: to answer, reply
ἀπο-λέέπω: to leave behind, abandon
Ἀπολλόδωρος, ὁ: Apollodorus
ἀπό-κλεισιμ: to destroy, kill, ruin
ἀπο-πέμπω: to send away, to dismiss
Ἀρης, ὁ: Ares
ἀριστεία, τā: prize for valor
ἀρτι: just, exactly
ἀρχαῖος, -ας, -ον: ancient, old, original
ἀ-σθενής, -ῆς: without strength, weak, feeble
ἀστάζομαι: to welcome, embrace
ἀ-τεχνώς: simply, really, entirely
ἀ-θίς: back again, later
αὐλέω: to play on the flute
αὐλή, ἡ: the court-yard
αὐλητρίς, -οις, ἡ: a flute-girl
ἀυτικα: straightway, at once; presently
αὐτό-θι: on the very spot or moment
ἀ-φάνεται: to make invisible, conceal, destroy
ἀφ-κυέμαι: to come, arrive
Ἄχιλλεως, ὁ: Achilles
βάινω: to walk, step, go
βάρβαρος, ὁ: foreigner, a non-Greek
βέβαιος, -ας, -ον: firm, steadfast, sure, certain
βέλτιστος, -ης, -ον: best
βία, βιας, ἡ: violence; strength, force, might
βουλεύω: to deliberate, plan, take counsel
γαστήρ,-ός, ὁ: belly, stomach
γελάω: to laugh
γεναιος, -ας, -ον: noble, well-bred
γέννησις, -εως, ἡ: engendering, producing
γῆ, ἡ: earth
γοεύς, -έως, ὁ: a begetter, parent
γοῦν: γε οὖν, at least, at any rate, any way
δαιμόνιος, -ας, -ον: divine, daemon-like
δαιμόνος, -ον, -ονος, ὁ: a divine being, spirit
δάκνω: to bite; sting, prick
δείκνυμι: to point out, display, show
δειπνον, τό: the principal meal, dinner
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<td>ἐδιαρρήστω: to accomplish, effect</td>
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<td>ἐδι-τίθεμαι: to be disposed, arranged, treated</td>
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<td>διά: apart, asunder; apart from (+ gen.)</td>
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<td>ἐγγύς: near, close to (+ gen.); adv. nearby</td>
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<td>εἶναι: well! well now!</td>
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<td>εἶσ-τεγύμα: to propose, introduce; explain</td>
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<td>εἴτε: whether...or, either...or</td>
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<td>έκάτερος, -α, -ον: each of two, either</td>
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<td>εἶτε: there, in that place</td>
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<td>έκ-πληγύννυμ: to strike with fear, amaze, astound, to drive out of one senses</td>
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<td>ἐν-δεια, ἡ: need, lack, deficiency</td>
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<td>ἐνδούν: within, at home</td>
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<td>ἐν-εἰμι: to be in</td>
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<td>ἐναιστός, ὁ: year, long period of time</td>
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<td>ἐννοεῖν: to have in mind, notice, consider</td>
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<td>εὐτύς: within, inside</td>
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<td>εὔαιρηνης: suddenly, immediately</td>
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<td>εὐποίηκυμα: to show forth, display, point out</td>
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<td>εὐπόταμα: to know, know how, understand</td>
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<td>εὐπτήθειμα, τό: a pursuit, activity, practice</td>
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<td>ἐπος, -εος, τό: a word</td>
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<td>ἐτοιμός, -η, -ον: ready, prepared, at hand</td>
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<td>ἐτος, -εος, τό: a year</td>
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<td>εὐ-δαιμονία, ἡ: happiness, good fortune</td>
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<td>εὐδοκία: right away, straight, directly, at once</td>
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<td>εὐ-πορέω: to have means, prosper, thrive</td>
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<td>εὐ-πορος, -ου: resourceful, easily done, easy</td>
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<td>εὐρίσκω: to find, discover, devise, invent</td>
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<td>ἐφ-άπτω: to grab hold of, grasp, bind on or to</td>
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<td>ἡγεμόνων, -όνων, ὁ: leader, commander, guide</td>
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<td>ἠδέως: sweetly, pleasantly, gladly</td>
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<td>ἠθός, -έος, τό: custom; disposition, character</td>
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<td>ἠκοστός, -η, -ον: least; not at all</td>
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<td>ἠλιος, ὁ: the sun</td>
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<td>Ἕσιος, ὁ: Hesiod</td>
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<td>θεάτρον, τό: theater; the spectators, audience</td>
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<td>θηλυκός, εἰαί, ε-: female, feminine</td>
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<td>θηρίον, τό: a wild animal, beast</td>
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<td>θορυβέω: to throw into confusion, make an uproar; raise a shout; applaud</td>
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<td>θυγατέρι, ἡ: a daughter</td>
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<td>ἱάμα: to heal, cure</td>
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<td>ἱσχο: to have; hold back, check, restrain</td>
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<td>καθ-εύδω: to lie down to sleep, sleep</td>
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<td>καθ-ιστημι: to establish, put into a state, make become; fall into a state, become</td>
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<td>καρπός: to bear fruit; mid. enjoy, profit</td>
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<td>καρπερέω: to endure, be steadfast, staunch</td>
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<td>κατα-γελάω: to laugh at, mock</td>
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<td>κατά-δηλος, -η, -ον: quite clear, visible</td>
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<td>κατα-λειπτω: to leave behind, abandon</td>
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<td>κατα-σκευάζω: to prepare, construct, equip</td>
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<td>κατα-φρονέω: to think down upon, despise</td>
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<td>κείμαι: to lie down</td>
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<td>κεφάλαιον, τό: main or chief point, gist, sum</td>
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<td>κινέω: to set in motion, move; arouse, irritate</td>
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<td>κοινονίαν, ἡ: association, partnership</td>
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<td>κολακεία, ἡ: flattery, fawning</td>
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<td>κραξ, κρατός, ὁ: the head</td>
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<td>κρατεύω: to overcome (+ gen.); rule; be strong</td>
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<td>κρέετεων, -ου: stronger, mightier, better</td>
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<td>κύκλος, ὁ: a circle, round, ring</td>
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<td>Λακεδαίμονων, -όνων, ἡ: Lacedaemon</td>
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<td>λαυάνων: to escape notice of, act unnoticed</td>
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<td>λοιπός, ὁ: remaining, the rest</td>
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<td>λυγέ, λυγγός, ὁ: hiccup, hiccough</td>
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Core Vocabulary (3 – 6 times)

μά: by, in affirmation
μάθημα, -ατος, τό: instruction, teaching, lesson
μακάριος, -α, -ον: blessed, happy
μάλα: very, very much, exceedingly
μαλακός, -α, -ον: soft, gentle; weak, feeble
μαθήσασθαι: to learn, understand
μεθυνω: to be drunk with wine
μειράκιον, τό: adolescent, boy, young man
μέμφομαι: to blame, censure, find fault with
μένω: to stay, remain
μέρος, -εος, τό: a part, share, portion
μέσος, -η, -ον: middle, in the middle of
μεστός, -η, -ον: full, filled, filled full
μεταβάλλω: to change, alter; turn about
μεταστρέφω: to turn about, turn round
μέχρι: up to; until, as long as (+ gen.)
μηχανή, ἥ: means, device, contrivance
μνημή, ἥ: to recall, remember
μνήμη, ἥ: a remembrance, memory, record
μόνιμος, -α, -ον: stable, steadfast, lasting
μούσα, ἥ: Muse
να: yes, yeah
νεώτερος, -α, -ον: younger; rather recent
νήφος: to be sober
νίκάω: to conquer, defeat, win
νυνί: now; as it is
νύξ, νυκτός, ἥ: a night
ξένη, ἥ: a female guest, foreigner, stranger
οδός, ἥ: road, way, path, journey
οδ-θεν: from where, from which
οἰκέω: to inhabit, dwell, live
οιμάμαι: to swear, take an oath
οἰμο-λογία, ἥ: agreement
διειδος, τό: reproach, censure, rebuke
ονομάζω: to name, call by name
ὀπλος, τό: arms, tool, implement
ὀπίσω, -α, -ον: what sort or kind
ὀπίσω: when, by what time
ὀργανος, τό: instrument, tool, organ
ὀρκος, ὁ: an oath
ὀρμάω: to set in motion; set out, begin
ὀτε: when, at some time
οὐκ-ἐπί: no more, no longer, no further
οὐκοῦν: therefore, then, accordingly
Οὐρανία, ἥ: Urania, the heavenly one
οὐς, ὦτος, τό: ear
πάγκαλος, -η, -ον: all-beautiful, good, noble
πάλαι: long ago, formerly, of old
παυ-πίλος, -πολλά, -πολις: very much
παύσας-πασις: all in all, altogether, absolutely
πάντο-διπος, -η, -ων: of every sort, varied
πάντως: altogether, by all means, certainly
παρα-γίνομαι: to be present; to arrive
παρα-κελεύω: to order, urge, encourage
παρα-κακουάω: to prepare, get ready
παρ-ομίλα, ἥ: common saying, proverb
Πάτροκλος, ὁ: Patroclus
Πενία, ἥ: Poverty, Need
περι-βάλλω: to throw round, enclose; clothe
περί-εμι: to surpass, excel, (+ gen.)
περι-μένω: to wait for, await
πλείστος, -η, -ον: most, very many, greatest
πληθυς: except, but (+ gen.)
πλησιμος, η: fullness, satiety, satisfaction
πλούσιος, -α, -ον: rich, wealthy, opulent
πλοῦτεω: to be wealthy, rich
πλουτός, ὁ: wealth, riches
πολιτικός, -η, -ον: of the city, political, civic
πουρός, -α, -ον: wicked, base; defective
ποιος, ὁ: work, toil, labor
πορίζω: to provide, procure, furnish, supply
Πόρος, ὁ: Plenty, Means, Way, Path
ποις, -εως, ὁ: a foot
πράξις, -εως, ἥ: action, deed, activity, business
πρίν: until, before (+ inf.)
προσ-αναγένσω: to press, compel, force
προσ-ήκως, προσήκουτος: relatives, kin
πρόσθες: before
προσ-φέρω: to bring to, apply
πρόσω-οποιον, τό: face, countenance
πταρμός, ὁ: a sneeze
πυθάνομαι: to learn by inquiry, learn by hearsay; inquire, ask about
ῥήμα, τό: a word, saying, phrase
ῥυθμός, ὁ: rhythm, proportion, symmetry
ῥύμνοιμα: to strengthen, make strong; be fit
σάτυρος, ὁ: satyr
σαφής, -ες: clear, distinct, definite
σιλήνος, ὁ: silenus
σκέλος, -εος, τό: the leg
σκέπτομαι: to look at, examine, consider
Core Vocabulary (3 – 6 times)

σκληρός, -ά, -όν: hard, harsh, severe
σκοπέω: to look at, examine, consider
σοφιστής, ὁ: sophist, wise man
σπουδάζω: to pursue earnestly, be serious, be eager for, make haste
στρατηγός, ὁ: a general, leader
σύν-γυμνάζω: to exercise together
συμ-βάλλω: to join, combine, contribute
σύμ-πασ, -ασα, -αν: all together, all at once
συμ-πλέκω: to twist together, entwine
συμ-πότης, ὁ: a fellow-drinker, symposiast
σύν-φημί: to attest, approve, agree
σύν-οίδα: to be conscious, cognizant of, know
συν-τήκω: to melt together; fuse, join with
σχεδόν: nearly, almost, just about, practically
σφίξω: to save, keep, preserve
ταινία, ἡ: a band, ribbon, fillet, head-band
τείνω: to tend, extend, direct; stretch, spread
tekhnein, τό: sign, indication, proof
telēpeti, ἡ: end, completion; death
telos, -eos, τό: end, goal, result; sacred rites
tēmno: to cut, hew, slice, ravage
τίμωσι, -α, -ον: honored, valued, worthy
τιμωρέω: to avenge, exact vengeance
timia, -ato, τό: the part cut-off, a section
toi, ya know, let me tell you, surely
toiōdeo, -άδε, -άνδε: such, the following
totē: at one time
trei̱s, tria: three
tritos, -τη, -όν: the third
túχη, ἡ: chance, luck, fortune, success

ὑπολειπόμαι: to commit outrage, assault, insult
ὑπεριστής, οῦ, ὁ: an outrageous person
ῦγης, -ές: sound, healthy, wholesome
ῦγρος, -ά, -όν: moist, wet, fluid
ὐίος, -οῦ, ὁ: a son
ὑμέτερος, -α, -ον: your, yours
ὑμένεια: to sing, laud, praise in song; recite
ὑπ-άρχω: to be ready, available; be possible
ὑπερ-αποθηκόω: to die on behalf of, die for
ὑπ-ηρετέω: to serve, minister (+ dat.)
ὑπο-δίω: to bind from under, put on shoes
ὑπο-λαμβάνω: to take up, reply; suppose
ὑστερον: later

φεύγω: to flee, escape; defend in court
φιλέω: to love, befriend; strive to, tend to
φιλο-σοφέω: to pursue wisdom, investigate
φιλό-σοφος, ὁ: a pursuer or lover of wisdom
φοβέομαι: to fear, be seized with fear, flee
φόβος, ὁ: fear, terror, panic
φρόνησις, -εως, ἡ: wisdom, intelligence, prudence
φυλάττω: to keep watch, guard, keep in mind

χάρις, χάριτος, ἡ: grace, favor, gratitude
χειμών, -ώνως τό: storm, winter
χθες: yesterday
χρηστός, -η, -όν: good, noble, worthy

ψεύδομαι: to lie, cheat, beguile