

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, -ατος τό:** statue, image
ἄγαμαι: to wonder at, marvel at, admire
ἀγαπάω: to love, show affection, be fond of
ἀδελφός, ὁ: a brother
ἀδικέω: to be unjust, do wrong, injure
ᾄδω: to sing
ἀθανασία, ἡ: immortality
αἰρέω: to size, take; *mid.* choose
αἰσθάνομαι: to perceive, feel, learn, realize
αἰσχύνη, ἡ: shame, disgrace, dishonor
αἰτία, ἡ: cause, reason; charge, blame
ἄκλητος, -ον: uncalled, unbidden
ἀκλόουθος, ὁ: follower
ἀλήθεια, ἡ: truth
ἄλισκομαι: to be caught, be taken
Ἄλκηστις, ἡ: Alcestis
ἄλλο-θι: in another place, elsewhere
ἄμαθής, -ές: ignorant, foolish, stupid
ἄμαθια, ἡ: ignorance, folly
ἄμοιρος: without a share in (+ gen.)
ἀνα-μιμνήσκω: 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, -εος, τό: a blossom, flower, bloom
ἄνθρώπιος, -α, -ον: human, of a human
ἄνθρωπινος, -η, -ον: human, of a human
ἀν-ίημι: to send up, let go, give up
ἀν-ίστημι: to make stand up, raise up, get up
ἄ-νόητος, -ον: foolish, unintelligent
ἀν-όηλυμι: to open
ἀν-όμοιος, -ον: unlike, dissimilar
ἀντι-λέγω: to speak against, challenge
ἀν-υπόδητος, -η, -ον: unshod, barefoot
ἅπας, ἅπασα, ἅπαν: every, quite all
ἀπ-έχω: to be distant, keep away from
ἄπλός, -η, -ον: single, simple, absolute
ἄπλῶς: singly, plainly, absolutely
ἀπο-βαίνω: to turn out, result; disembark
ἀπο-βλέπω: to look off to, look at, gaze
ἀπο-κρίνομαι: to answer, reply
ἀπο-λείπω: to leave behind, abandon
Ἀπολλόδωρος, ὁ: Apollodorus
ἀπ-όλλυμι: to destroy, kill, ruin
ἀπο-πέμπω: to send away, to dismiss
Ἄρης, ὁ: Ares
ἀριστεῖα, τὰ: prize for valor
ἄρτι: just, exactly
ἀρχαῖος, -α, -ον: ancient, old, original
ἀ-σθενής, -ές: without strength, weak, feeble
ἀσπάζομαι: to welcome, embrace
ἀ-τεχνῶς: simply, really, entirely
αὐθις: back again, later
αὐλέω: to play on the flute
αὐλή, ἡ: the court-yard
αὐλητρίς, -ιδος, ἡ: a flute-girl
αὐτίκα: straightway, at once; presently
αὐτό-θι: on the very spot or moment
ἀ-φανίζω: to make invisible, conceal, destroy
ἀφ-ικνέομαι: to come, arrive
Ἀχιλλεύς, ὁ: Achilles
βαίνω: to walk, step, go
βάρβαρος, ὁ: foreigner, a non-Greek
βέβαιος, -ον: firm, steadfast, sure, certain
βέλτιστος, -η, -ον: best
βία, βιας, ἡ: violence; strength, force, might
βουλευώ: to deliberate, plan, take counsel
γαστήρ, -έρος, ὁ: belly, stomach
γελάω: to laugh
γενναῖος, -α, -ον: noble, well-bred
γέννησις, -εως, ἡ: engendering, producing
γῆ, ἡ: earth
γονεὺς, -έως, ὁ: a begetter, parent
γούν: γε οὖν, at least, at any rate, any way
δαιμόνιος, -α, -ον: divine, daemon-like
δαίμων, -ονος, ὁ: a divine being, spirit
δάκνω: to bite; sting, prick
δείκνυμι: to point out, display, show
δείπνον, τό: the principal meal, dinner

Core Vocabulary (3 – 6 times)

δεξιός, -ά, -όν: right, right side
δεῦρο: here, to this point, hither
δέχομαι: to receive, accept, take
δηλόω: to make clear, show, reveal, exhibit
δῆτα: certainly, to be sure, of course
διά-κειμαι: to be disposed, be affected
δια-νοέομαι: to think, suppose, intend
δια-πράττω: to accomplish, effect
δια-τίθεμαι: to be disposed, arranged, treated
δια-τριβώ: to pass time, consume, spend
δια-φερόντως: differently from; especially
δια-φεύγω: to flee, get away from, escape
δια-φθείρω: to destroy, corrupt, pervert
διδάσκαλος, ὁ: a teacher
διδάσκω: to teach, instruct
διέρχομαι: to go through, pass; relate, explain
δικαιοσύνη, ἡ: justice, righteousness
δικαστής, οὗ, ὁ: a juror, dicast
δι-οίγνυμι: to open
δι-πλός, -η, -ον: twofold, double
δίχα: apart, asunder; apart from (+ gen.)
δόξα, ἡ: opinion, reputation, honor, glory
δουλεία, ἡ: servitude, slavery, bondage
δουλεύω: to be a slave, serve, be subject to
δράω: to do
δυνατός, -ή, -όν: capable, strong, possible

ἐγ-γίγνομαι: to be in, intervene; be possible
ἐγγύς: near, close to (+ gen.); *adv.* nearby
εἶεν: well! well now!
εἰς-ηγέομαι: to propose, introduce; explain
εἴτε: whether...or, either...or
ἐκάτερος, -α, -ον: each of two, either
ἐκεῖ: there, in that place
ἐκ-πλήγνυμι: to strike with fear, amaze,
astound, to drive out of one senses
ἔν-δεια, ἡ: need, lack, deficiency
ἔν-δον: within, at home
ἐν-εἰμί: to be in
ἐν-θυμέομαι: to consider, reflect, ponder
ἐνιαυτός, ὁ: year, long period of time
ἐν-νοέω: to have in mind, notice, consider
ἐντός: within, inside
ἐξαίφνης: suddenly, immediately
ἐξ-ἀρκέω: to be enough, suffice, be sufficient
ἔξ-εστι: it is allowed, permitted, possible
ἐπι-βουλεύω: to plot against, contrive against
ἐπι-δείκνυμι: to show forth, display, point out
ἐπί-σταμαι: to know, know how, understand
ἐπιτήδευμα, τό: a pursuit, activity, practice

ἔπος, -εος, τό: a word
ἔτοιμος, -η, -ον: ready, prepared, at hand
ἔτος, -εως, τό: a year
εὐ-δαιμονία, ἡ: happiness, good fortune
εὐθύς: right away, straight, directly, at once
εὐ-πορέω: to have means, prosper, thrive
εὖ-πορος, -ον: resourceful, easily done, easy
εὕρισκω: to find, discover, devise, invent
ἐφ-άπτω: to grab hold of, grasp, bind on or to

ἡγεμών, -όνος, ὁ: leader, commander, guide
ἡδέως: sweetly, pleasantly, gladly
ἦθος, -έος, τό: custom; disposition, character
ἦκιστος, -η, -ον: least; not at all
ἥλιος, ὁ: the sun
Ἡσίοδος, ὁ: Hesiod

θέατρον, τό: theater; the spectators, audience
θῆλυς, -εια, -υ: female, feminine
θηρίον, τό: a wild animal, beast
θορυβέω: to throw into confusion, make an
uproar; raise a shout; applaud
θυγάτηρ, ἡ: a daughter

ἰάομαι: to heal, cure
ἴσχω: to have; hold back, check, restrain

καθ-εύδω: to lie down to sleep, sleep
καθ-ίστημι: to establish, put into a state, make
become; fall into a state, become
καρπώω: to bear fruit; *mid.* enjoy, profit
καρτερέω: to endure, be steadfast, staunch
κατα-γελάω: to laugh at, mock
κατά-δηλος, -η, -ον: quite clear, visible
κατα-λείπω: to leave behind, abandon
κατα-σκευάζω: to prepare, construct, equip
κατα-φρονέω: to think down upon, despise
κεῖμαι: to lie down
κεφάλαιον, τό: main or chief point, gist, sum
κινέω: to set in motion, move; arouse, irritate
κοινωνία, ἡ: association, partnership
κολακεία, ἡ: flattery, fawning
κράς, κρατός, ἡ: the head
κρατέω: to overcome (+ gen.); rule; be strong
κρείττων, -ον: stronger, mightier, better
κύκλος, ὁ: a circle, round, ring

Λακεδαίμων, -ονος, ἡ: Lacedaemon
λανθάνω: to escape notice of, act unnoticed
λοιπός, ὁ: remaining, the rest
λύγξ, λυγγός, ἡ: hiccup, hiccough

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

μανθάνω: to learn, understand

μεθύω: to be drunk with wine

μειράκιον, τό: adolescent, boy, young man

μέμφομαι: to blame, censure, find fault with

μένω: to stay, remain

μέρος, -έος, τό: a part, share, portion

μέσος, -η, -ον: middle, in the middle of

μεστός, -ή, -όν: full, filled, filled full

μετα-βάλλω: to change, alter; turn about

μετα-στρέφω: to turn about, turn round

μέχρι: up to; until, as long as (+ gen.)

μηχανή, ή: means, device, contrivance

μιμήσκω: to recall, remember

μνήμη, ή: a remembrance, memory, record

μόνιμος, -α, -ον: stable, steadfast, lasting

μούσα, ή: Muse

ναί: yes, yeah

νεώτερος, -α, -ον: younger; rather recent

νήφω: to be sober

νικάω: to conquer, defeat, win

νυνί: now; as it is

νύξ, νυκτός, ή: a night

ξένη, ή: a female guest, foreigner, stranger

ὁδός, ή: road, way, path, journey

ὅθεν: from where, from which

οἰκέω: to inhabit, dwell, live

ὀμνυμι: to swear, take an oath

ὀμο-λογία, ή: agreement

ὀνειδος, τό: reproach, censure, rebuke

ὀνομάζω: to name, call by name

ὄπλον, τό: arms; tool, implement

ὄποιος, -α, -ον: what sort or kind

ὅποτε: when, by what time

ὄργανον, τό: instrument, tool, organ

ὄρκος, ό: an oath

ὀρμάω: to set in motion; set out, begin

ὄτε: at some time

οὐκ-έτι: no more, no longer, no further

οὐκοῦν: therefore, then, accordingly

Οὐρανία, ή: Urania, the heavenly one

οὖς, ωτός, τό: ear

πάγκαλος, -η, -ον: all-beautiful, good, noble

πάλαι: long ago, formerly, of old

παμ-πολύς, -πολλά, -πολύ: very much

παντά-πασι: all in all, altogether, absolutely

παντο-δαπός, -ή, -όν: of every sort, varied

πάντως: altogether, by all means, certainly

παρα-γίγνομαι: to be present; to arrive

παρα-κελεύομαι: to order, urge, encourage

παρα-σκευάζω: to prepare, get ready

παρ-οιμία, ή: common saying, proverb

Πάτροκλος, ό: Patroclus

Πενία, ή: 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

πλήν: except, but (+ gen.)

πλησμονή, ή: fullness, satiety, satisfaction

πλούσιος, -α, -ον: rich, wealthy, opulent

πλουτέω: to be wealthy, rich

πλοῦτος, ό: wealth, riches

πολιτικός, -ή, -όν: of the city, political, civic

πονηρός, -ά, -όν: wicked, base; defective

πόνος, ό: work, toil, labor

πορίζω: to provide, procure, furnish, supply

Πόρος, ό: Plenty, Means, Way, Path

πόσις, -εως, ό: drinking

πότερος, -α, -ον: which of the two? whether?

πούς, ποδός, ό: a foot

πράξις, -εως, ή: action, deed, activity, business

πρίν: until, before (+ inf.)

προσ-αναγκάζω: to press, compel, force

προσ-ήκων, προσήκοντος: relatives, kin

πρόσθεν: before

προσ-φέρω: to bring to, apply

πρόσ-ωπιον, τό: face, countenance

πταρμός, ό: a sneeze

πυνθάνομαι: to learn by inquiry, learn by hearsay; inquire, ask about

ῥῆμα, τό: a word, saying, phrase

ῥυθμός, ό: rhythm, proportion, symmetry

ῥώννυμι: to strengthen, make strong; be fit

σάτυρος, ό: satyr

σαφής, -ές: clear, distinct, definite

σιληνός, ό: silenus

σκέλος, -εως, 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, ό: sophist, wise man
σπουδάζω: to pursue earnestly, be serious, be eager for, make haste
στρατηγός, ό: a general, leader
συγ-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, ό: a fellow-drinker, symposiast
σύμ-φημι: to assent, approve, agree
σύν-οιδα: to be conscious, cognizant of, know
συν-τήκω: to melt together; fuse, join with
σχεδόν: nearly, almost, just about, practically
σώζω: to save, keep, preserve

ταινία, ή: a band, ribbon, fillet, head-band
τείνω: to tend, extend, direct; stretch, spread
τεκμήριον, τό: sign, indication, proof
τελευτή, ή: end, completion; death
τέλος, -εος, τό: end, goal, result; sacred rites
τέμνω: to cut, hew, slice, ravage
τίμιος, -α, -ον: honored, valued, worthy
τιμωρέω: to avenge, exact vengeance
τιμήμα, -ατος, τό: the part cut-off, a section
τοι: ya know, let me tell you, surely
τοιόσδε, -άδε, -όνδε: such, the following
τοτέ: at one time
τρεις, τρία: three
 τρίτος, -η, -ον: the third
τύχη, ή: chance, luck, fortune, success

ύβρίζω: to commit outrage, assault, insult
ύβριστής, ού, ό: an outrageous person
ύγιής, -ές: sound, healthy, wholesome
ύγρός, -ά, -όν: moist, wet, fluid
υιός, -ού, ό: a son
ύμέτερος, -α, -ον: your, yours
ύμνέω: to sing, laud, praise in song; recite
ύπ-άρχω: to be ready, available; be possible
ύπερ-αποθνήσκω: to die on behalf of, die for
ύπ-ηρετέω: to serve, minister (+ dat.)
ύπο-δέω: to bind from under, put on shoes
ύπο-λαμβάνω: to take up, reply; suppose
ύστερον: later

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

χάρις, χάριτος, ή: grace, favor, gratitude
χειμών, -ώνος τό: storm, winter
χθές: yesterday
χρηστός, -ή, -όν: good, noble, worthy

ψεύδομαι: to lie, cheat, beguile