

MEANINGS OF THE MIDDLE

1. Action performed on what belongs/pertains to oneself (*indirect reflexive middle*).

λούεται τὸ ἱμάτιον.
She is washing her cloak.
She is washing a cloak for herself.

2. Action performed on oneself (*direct reflexive middle*).

λούομαι.
I am washing myself.

3. Action performed on each other (*reciprocal middle*).

λούονται.
They are washing each other.

4. Arranging or causing something to be done by another (*causative middle*).

λούομεθα τὸ ἱμάτιον.
We are having the cloak washed.

Exercise

Say whether the verb would be active, middle, or passive in Greek. If middle, which meaning?

1. I freed the horse.
2. I freed (my) horse.
3. I had the horse sold.
4. We saved each other.
5. We saved ourselves.
6. We were saved.
7. We will have our horses freed.
8. Will you free the horses?
9. Have our horses been freed?
10. I love myself.
11. I took it.
12. Thy will be done.