

## *A short vocab guide for playing Catan in Ancient Greek*

I've tried to provide a really 'core' vocabulary – the essentials that you'll need to play the game. You can really play Catan with very little language, if you like, but you can also utilise more and more as your players' proficiency grows. I recommend encouraging players to do a bit of running commentary on the game as they play, describing what they are doing, commenting and questioning what other players are doing.

If you have suggestions, corrections, or improvements, please let me know: via [thepatrogist@gmail.com](mailto:thepatrogist@gmail.com) ~ Seumas Macdonald

### ἡ νῆσος τῆς Κατᾶν - The Island of Catan

player	παίκτης or παίζων
settlement	ἡ ἀποικία
city	ἡ πόλις
road	ἡ ὁδός
Card	τὸ χαρταρίδιον
resource	ἡ ἀποστροφή
Grain	ὁ σῖτος
Ore	τὸ μέταλλον
Wood	τὸ ξύλον
Sheep	τὰ πρόβατα
Brick	τὰ πλινθία or ἡ πλίνθος (or Clay ὁ πηλός)
Terrain	ἡ χώρα
hills	οἱ λόφοι
forest	ἡ ὕλη
mountains	τὰ ὄρη
fields	οἱ ἀγροί
pastures	αἱ νομαί
the desert	ἡ ἔρημος
die/dice	ἀστράγαλος, ἀστράγαλοι

οἱ κύβοι - both 'dice' and also the pips on dice

βάλλειν τοὺς κύβους throw the dice

οἱ κύβοι πίπτουσιν the dice fall

to throw six ἕξ βάλλειν κύβους (κτλ)

the robber ὁ ληστής ὁ

to steal, take ἀρπάζει

to move κινεῖν (trans) κινεῖσθαι (intrans)

ἐὰν ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν κύβων πίπτῃ εἰς ἑπτὰ, καὶ ἐὰν πλαίκτης τις ἔχῃ ὀκτώ ἢ πλέον χαρτιδίων, δεῖ ἡμίσει ἀφίεναι

to build a road τέμνειν ὁδόν ·

to build a settlement οἰκίζειν ἀποικίαν

to build a city πόλιν κατοικίζειν

to buy a development card ὠνεῖσθαι χαρτιδίων τῆς ἐπὶ τὸ βέλτιον μεταβολῆς

Trade ἡ ἐμπολή

to trade ἐμπολῶ (ἄω)

” ” χρηματίζω (other derivatives of this word are also useful)

to exchange μεταβάλλω

Development cards χαρτιδία τῆς ἐπὶ τὸ βέλτιον μεταβολῆς

Knight ὁ στρατιώτης (alternatively ὁ ἵππεύς, ὁ φύλαξ)

ἔτος τῆς εὐπορίας Year of Plenty :

δύο χαρτιδία ἅτινα βούλοιο ἄν, λαβὲ ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης

take 2 cards you want from bank

τὸ τὰς ὁδοὺς τέμνειν· Road Building:

τέμε δύο ὁδοὺς · Build 2 roads

μονοπωλία ἢ μονοπῶλιον· Monopoly:

πάντα τὰ χαρτιδία ἑνὸς γένους λαβὲ ἀπὸ πάντων τῶν παίκτην

take all of one type of card from all players

σημείον τῆς νίκης · Victory point:

ἡ τράπεζα · Bank:

ἀεὶ δύνατον ἐστὶν δοῦναι τέσσαρα ἐνὸς γένους καὶ ἓν γένους ἄλλου δέχεσθαι

you can always trade four of one kind to the bank for one of anything

εἰ λιμένα ἔχῃς τρεῖς πρὸ ἐνός, μεταβάλλειν τρεῖς ἐνὸς γένους πρὸ ἓν γένους ἄλλου

if you have a 3:1 port, you can trade 3 of any one kind, for one of anything

if you have a 2:1 port you can trade 2 of *that* resource, for one of anything

εἰ λιμένα ἔχῃς τρεῖς πρὸ ἐνός, μεταβάλλειν τρεῖς τούτου γένους πρὸ ἓν γένους ἄλλου

ἡ ὁδὸς ἢ μακροτάτη · Longest Road

whoever has the longest road, of at least 5 segments, has this. it is worth 2 points

ὅστις τὴν μακροτάτην ὁδὸν ἔχει, πέντε μέρη ἢ πλέον, ἔχει δύο σημεῖα τῆς νίκης

ὁ μέγιστος στρατός · Largest army:

the player who has used the most knights, at least 3, has this.

ὅστις τοὺς πλείστους στρατιώτας ἐκπέμπῃ, τρεῖς ἢ πλέον, ἔχει δύο σημεῖα τῆς νίκης

ὅστις ἂν πρῶτος εἰς δέκα σημεῖα τῆς νίκης ἀφίκηται, νικήσει.

whoever gets to 10 points first, wins.

Some useful expressions during the game!

woe is me	οἴμοι
I say οἴμοι	οἰμίζω
I pity	οικτίρω
I rejoice	χαίρω
I am losing	ἠττῶμαι
I am winning	νικῶ
come to me...	ἐλθέ μοι, ἔλθετέ μοι...
space	διάστημα
space of two roads	διάστημα τῶν δυοῖν ὁδῶν

i am vexed

ἀγανακτῶ

If I give you X, will you give me Y?

ἐὰν δῶ X σοι, δώσεις σὺ Y ἐμοί;

X in place of/in exchange for Y

X ἀντί Y (genitive)