

ἄγγαρος

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Ancient Greek

Etymology

The exact source is unknown. Not from Akkadian 𒀭𒄀𒂗𒂊 (*LU₂.HUN.GA₂* /*agru*/, “hired man”). Maybe from Old Persian *𐎠𐎹𐎧𐎡𐎹𐎧𐎠 (**angarā*, “missive, letter”), a reconstructed word which is from Aramaic ܢܗܘܢܐ (**'engarā*), form of ܢܗܘܢܐ (**'engartā*), variant of ܢܗܘܢܐ (*'iggartā*), ܢܗܘܢܐ (*'engirtā*, “missive, letter; contract”), from Akkadian 𒂗𒂊𒂗𒂊 (*egirtu*, “inscribed tablet; oracle of fate, ambiguous wording; contract, bound deal”), from 𒂗𒂊 (*egēru*, “to be difficult, to be twisted or locked together; to have a twisted tongue, to be unable to speak against an order”).

Pronunciation

- (5th BCE Attic) IPA^(key): /áŋ.ga.ros/
- (1st CE Egyptian) IPA^(key): /'aŋ.ga.ros/
- (4th CE Koine) IPA^(key): /'aŋ.ga.ros/
- (10th CE Byzantine) IPA^(key): /'aŋ.ga.ros/
- (15th CE Constantinopolitan) IPA^(key): /'aŋ.ga.ros/

Noun

ἄγγαρος • (áŋgaros) *m* (genitive **ἄγγαρου**); *second declension*

- Persian mounted courier, for carrying royal dispatches

Inflection

Second declension of ὁ ἄγγαρος; τοῦ ἄγγαρου (Attic)			
Case / #	Singular	Dual	Plural

Nominative	<u>ὁ ἄγγαρος</u> ho ángaros	<u>τὸ ἄγγᾶρω</u> tō angárō	<u>οἱ ἄγγαροι</u> hoi ángaroi
Genitive	<u>τοῦ ἄγγαρου</u> toû angárou	<u>τοῖν ἄγγαροιν</u> toîn angároin	<u>τῶν ἄγγᾶρων</u> tôn angárōn
Dative	<u>τῷ ἄγγᾶρω</u> tôi angárōi	<u>ἄγγαροιν</u> angároin	<u>τοῖς ἄγγαροῖς</u> toîs angárois
Accusative	<u>τὸν ἄγγαρον</u> tòn ángaron	<u>ἄγγᾶρω</u> angárō	<u>τοὺς ἄγγαροὺς</u> toùs angárouς
Vocative	<u>ἄγγαρε</u> ángare	<u>ἄγγᾶρω</u> angárō	<u>ἄγγαροι</u> ángaroi
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This table gives Attic inflectional endings. For declension in other dialects, see <i>Appendix: Ancient Greek dialectal declension</i>. 		

Derived terms

- ἄγγαρα (ángara)
- ἄγγαρευτής (angareutés)
- ἄγγαρήιον (angaréion)
- ἄγγαρεία (angareía)
- ἄγγαρεύω (angareúō)
- ἄγγαροφορέω (angarophoréō)

Further reading

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