

1. δέω cf. *Skt.* ditá-, dáman *impf.* ἔδουν, *mid. pass.* ἐδούμην || *fut.* δήσω, *later mid.* δήσομαι || *aor.* ἔδησα, *mid.* ἐδησάμην || *pf.* δέδεκα, *mid. pass.* δέδεμαι || *ppf.* ἐδεδέκειν, *mid.* ἐδεδέμην || *aor. pass.* ἐδέθην || *fut. pass.* δεθήσομαι || *fut. pf.* [δεδήσομαι]

- ① **act. to bind, attach:** δεσμῶ τινα s.o. with a strap [OD. 22.189](#), *al.*; δῆσε δ' ὀπίσσω χεῖρας ... ἰμᾶσιν he bound the hands behind the back with thongs [IL. 21.30](#) | δησάντων σ' ... χεῖράς τε πόδας τε having bound you hand and foot [OD. 12.50](#) | ► δ. τινὰ ἔκ τινος to bind or attach s.o. to sthg. [IL. 10.475](#), *al.* = ► ἔν τινι [ARISTOPH. Ran. 619](#) = ► τινι [IL. 10.443](#) = ► πρὸς τινι [AESCHL. Pr. 15](#) = ► πρὸς τι [SOPH. Ai. 108](#) *etc.* | **to bind, enchain, imprison** [AESCHL. Eum. 641](#) [THUC. 1.30.1](#) *etc.*; πῶς ἂν ἐγὼ σε δέοιμι how can I bind you (*oth.* obligate you)? [OD. 8.352](#) || **extens. to delay, distract:** τινὰ τινος s.o. from sthg. [OD. 4.380, 469](#) || **medic. to confirm, reinforce** [HP. Off. 17](#), *al. etc.*
- ② **mid. to bind or attach** (for oneself or to oneself) [IL. 18.553](#), *al. etc.*; ποσσὶ δ' ὑπὸ ... ἐδήσατο καλὰ πέδιλα he bound his fine sandals to his feet [IL. 10.22](#); Ἑκτορα δ' ἔλκεσθαι δησάσκετο δίφρου ὄπισθεν he bound Hektor over and over behind the chariot to drag him [IL. 24.15](#)
- ③ **pass. to be bound or attached** ► frequently with *acc. of relat.* [OD. 24.229](#) *EUR. Hip. 160 etc.* | ► ἔκ τινος or ἔν τινι to sthg. [IL. 10.475](#) *etc.* | δεδεμένους πρὸς ἀλλήλους bound to one another [THUC. 4.47.3](#) || **to be enchained or imprisoned:** ἐν δημοσίῳ δεσμῶ in public jails [PLAT. Leg. 864e](#) || **fig. to be bound or engrossed:** γλῶσσα δέ οἱ δέδετα but his tongue was tied [THGN. 178](#); κέρδει καὶ σοφία δέδετα wisdom too can be enthralled by gain [PIND. P. 3.54](#) *pres. and impf. contr. in prose (usu. in compd.) usu. also with non-homophonous vowels; other pres. see δίδημι | *ptc. fem.* δοῦσα, *neut.* δοῦν, *dat.* δοῦντι || *impf.* 3. sg. ἔδει || *poet. aor.* δῆσα, *mid. iter.* 3. sg. δησάσκετο || *pf.* δέδηκα [AESCHN. 2.134](#) (*v.l.*) *ORIG. fr.Ps.* 118.61 || *ppf.* 3. sg. ἐδεδήκει [AND. 4.17](#) (*dub.*), *epic mid. pass.* 3. sg. δέδετο, 3. *pl.* δέδεντο, *Ion.* ἐδεδέατο.*

2. δέω cf. *Skt.* doṣa- *impf.* ἔδεον, *mid.* ἐδεόμην || *fut.* δεήσω, *mid.* δεήσομαι || *aor.* ἐδέησα || *pf.* δεδέηκα, *mid.* δεδέημαι || *ppf. mid. pass.* 3. sg. ἐδεδέητο || *aor. pass.* ἐδεήθην (*mid. signif.*) || *fut. pass.* δεθηήσομαι (*mid. signif.*).

- ① **act.**
- ⓐ **to lack, need, with gen.** || *Att.* πολλοῦ or μικροῦ δέω *and inf.* **I am far from or a little way from, i.e. (I) fall a long way or a little short of ...** | *with acc.* | *abs.*
- ⓑ *impers.* [δεῖ] **there is need, one must, it is necessary, it is right, with acc. and inf.** | *with nom. and inf.* | *with dat. and inf.* | *with inf.* | *alone with implied inf.* | *rar. with ὅπως that* || **there is need of, with gen.** | *with dat. and gen.* | *with acc. and gen.* | *with acc. (or nom.?) neut.* || *Att.* πολλοῦ or ὀλίγου δεῖ **it is far from or almost, with inf. to ...** || *analog. in inf. with num.* | *inf. abs.* μικροῦ δεῖν **as if**
- ⓒ *in pres. ptc.* **lacking** | *in gen. abs.*
- ⓓ *frequently ptc.: adj.* δέων δέουσα **convenient, suitable, appropriate** | *subst. neut.* δέον -οντος, [τό] **that which is necessary or fitting, necessary, opportune** | *later* δέον ἐστὶ there is need, it is necessary || *acc. abs.* [δέον] **it being necessary or convenient**
- ② **mid.** [δέομαι]
- ⓐ *usu.* **to feel the lack, have need of** | *usu.* τινος of s.o. or sthg. | *with inf.*
- ⓑ *post-Hom.* **to ask, demand, request:** τινὸς τινος sthg. of s.o. (*or to ask s.o. for sthg.*) | *with int. obj.* | *alone* τι sthg. | *only* τινος s.o. | τινὸς δ. *and inf.* to ask or request s.o. to ...
- ⓒ *impers.* [δεῖται] **there is a need, it is necessary, with gen.** | *with inf.*

① *act.*

- Ⓐ **to lack, need** ▶ *with gen.*: ἐμεῖο δὲ δῆσεν ἀρῆς ἀλκτῆρα γενέσθαι they lacked me to preserve them from ruin [IL. 18.100](#); παραδείγματος ... αὖ μοι καὶ τὸ παράδειγμα αὐτὸ δέδεκεν my example, too, has need of an example in turn [PLAT. Pol. 277d](#); ἐδέησα κινδύνῳ περιπεσεῖν I just missed falling into danger [ALCIPHR. 3.2.2](#) || *Att.* πολλοῦ *or* μικροῦ δέω *and* ▶ *inf.* **I am far from or a little way from, i.e. (I) fall a long way or a little way short of ...**: πολλοῦ δεῖς ... ἀγνοεῖν you are far from unaware [PLAT. Lys. 204e](#); παντὸς δεῖ τοιοῦτος εἶναι and every other one must be like this [PLAT. Soph. 221d](#); μικροῦ ἔδεν ἤδη ... εἶναι they were now almost ... [XEN. Hel. 4.6.11](#); τοσοῦτου δέουσιν μιμεῖσθαι ... ὥστε they are so far from imitating ... that [ISOCR. 14.17](#) | ▶ *with acc.* τοσοῦτον δέω ... εἰδέναι ὥστε I am so far from knowing ... that [PLAT. Men. 71a](#); ὀλίγον ἐδέησεν ἀνατρέψαι τὰ πράγματα it came close to overturning the situation [PLUT. Pyr. 17.3](#); μικρὸν ἐδέησε ... διακόψαι he just missed cutting [PLUT. Pyr. 30.9](#) | *abs.* τοῦ παντὸς δέω I am removed from everything [AESCHL. Pr. 1006](#)
- Ⓑ *impers.* [δεῖ] **there is need, one must, it is necessary, it is right** ▶ *with acc. and inf.* τί δὲ δεῖ πολεμιζέμεναι Τρώεσσι Ἀργεῖους; what need is there for the Argives to fight with the Trojans? [IL. 9.337](#); ὅτι τρις ἑννέα ἔτη δέοι γενέσθαι αὐτὸν that it (the war) must last twenty-seven years [THUC. 5.26.4](#) | ▶ *with nom. and inf.* ἠγούμην ... αὐτὸς περιεῖναι δεῖν αὐτῶν καὶ μεγαλοψυχότερος φαίνεσθαι I considered it necessary to be superior to them and show myself more magnanimous [DEMOSTH. 19.235](#) | ▶ *with dat. and inf.* οἱ ἔδεε κακῶς γενέσθαι it was necessary (= destined) that they would come to a bad end [HDT. 2.161.3](#); θεοῖσι προσβαλεῖν χθονὶ ἄλλην δεήσει γαῖαν the gods will have to add another earth to the world [EUR. Hip. 941](#); δεῖ ἐπισάξαι τὸν ἵππον Πέρση ἀνδρὶ the Persian man must put the caparison on the horse [XEN. An. 3.4.35](#) | ▶ *with inf. alone* μανθάνειν δεῖ it is necessary to learn [HDT. 1.8.4](#) (cf. [AESCHL. Ag. 567, al.](#)) | ▶ *with implied inf.* [THUC. 1.44.2](#) etc.; μὴ πεῖθ' ἅ μὴ δεῖ do not advise me to do what is not fitting [SOPH. O.C. 1442](#) | ▶ *rar. with ὅπως* that [SOPH. Ph. 54](#); δεῖ σ' ὅπως ... δείξεις you must show [SOPH. Ai. 556](#) || **there is need of** ▶ *with gen.* ταῦτα δεῖ μακροῦ λόγου εἰπεῖν this needs a long account to tell it [AESCHL. Pr. 875](#) (cf. [870](#)); οὐδὲν ἂν δέοι πολλοῦ ἀργυρίου we would not need a lot of money [PLAT. Crit. 45a](#); τί δεῖ τῆς ἀρετῆς; what need is there for virtue? [ARISTOT. Pol. 1309b 10](#) | ▶ *with dat. and gen.* δεῖ μοι τινοῦς I have need of sthg. [AESCHL. Ag. 848](#) [EUR. Med. 565](#) etc.; πρὸς πολλὰ δε ἀναγκαζομένοις ἰέναι πολλῆς καὶ τῆς ἐπιτεχνήσεως δεῖ for one forced to be involved in many situations, there is also need of much inventiveness [THUC. 1.71.3](#) | ▶ *with acc. and gen.* αὐτὸν ... σε δεῖ προμηθέως you yourself have need of one who will foresee [AESCHL. Pr. 86](#); οὐ πόνου πολλοῦ με δεῖ I don't have need for a great effort [EUR. Hip. 23](#) | ▶ *with acc. (or nom.?) neut.* ἐν δεῖ μόνον μοι I'm lacking one single thing [EUR. Suppl. 594](#); εἴ τι δέοι τῶ χορῶ if the chorus needs sthg. [ANTIPHON 6.12](#); frequently in *prolepsis* τοῦτο μὲν οὐδὲν δεῖ indeed, there is no need for this, that is to say ... [PLAT. Gorg. 491d](#) || *Att.* πολλοῦ *or* ὀλίγου δεῖ **it is far from or almost** ▶ *with inf.* to ...: πολλοῦ γε δεῖ ... οὕτως ἔχειν it is far from being so [PLAT. Prot. 341d](#); ἔδοξάν μοι ὀλίγου δεῖν ... ἐνδεεῖς εἶναι they seemed to me to be virtually all lacking [PLAT. Ap. 22a](#); τοὺς Πλαταιᾶς ... ἐλαχίστου ἐδέησε διαφθεῖραι it very nearly happened that (the blaze) destroyed the Plataeans [THUC. 2.77.5](#) || *analog. in inf. with num.* περὶ τὰ ἐνὸς δεῖν πεντήκοντα around 49 years (*lit.* 50 years minus one) [ARISTOT. Rh. 1390b 11](#) | *inf. abs.* μικροῦ δεῖν **as if**: οὐ φανερώς οὕτως μικροῦ δεῖν τρία τάλαντα ταῦτ' ἀνηπάκασιν; have they not thus blatantly subtracted around three talents? [DEMOSTH. 27.29](#)
- Ⓒ *in pres. ptc.* **lacking, frequently in format. with numbers ending in 8 and 9, like** δυοῖν δέοντες εἴκοσι ἀνδρες eighteen men (*lit.* two men short of 20) *and sim.*; πενήκοντα δυοῖν δέοντα ἔτη forty-eight years [THUC. 2.2](#); ἐνὸς δέον εἰκοστὸν ἔτος nineteenth year [THUC. 2.2](#); δυοῖν δεούσαις εἴκοσι ναυσὶν with eighteen ships [XEN. Hel. 1.1.5](#); ἐξήκοντα ἐνὸς δέοντα ἔτη for fifty-nine years [PLUT.](#)

[Pomp. 79.5](#) | *in gen. abs.* τροφαλίδες μιᾶς δεούσης εἴκοσι nineteen cheeses [ARISTOT. H.A. 522a 31](#)
| *analog.* μικροῦ δέοντα τέτταρα τάλαντα a little under four talents [DEMOSTH. 27.35](#)

- ① *frequently ptc.: adj.* δέων δέουσα **convenient, suitable, appropriate** [ARISTOT. APr. 48b 36](#)
HIEROCL. (p. 61A.) *etc.* | *subst. neut.* δέον -οντος, [τό] **that which is necessary or fitting, necessary, opportune** [THUC. 1.22.1](#) (pl.) ISOCR. 3.25 *etc.*; ἐν (τῷ) δέοντι at an opportune moment, timely [HDT. 2.159.2](#) EUR. *Med.* 1277 *etc.*; παραγινόμεναι ἐς τὸ δέον arriving at the right moment or at the necessary time, of seasons [HDT. 1.32.3](#); ἐς τὸ δέον οὐκ ἂν ἔχοιεν αὐτοῖσι χρᾶσθαι they could not make use of them in a situation of need [HDT. 2.173.3](#); ἐς δέον πάρεστι ὄδε this one is here (= arrives) opportuntely [SOPH. O.T. 1416](#); μάλιστ' εἰς δέον λέγουσιν they are speaking very much to the purpose [DEMOSTH. 4.14](#); ἀνηλώκαμεν εἰς οὐδὲν δέον we have spent to no benefit [DEMOSTH. 3.28](#) | πρὸ τοῦ δέοντος before it is necessary [SOPH. Ph. 891](#); θᾶπτον γοῦν τοῦ δέοντος surely more quickly than would be opportune [PLAT. Symp. 195b](#); μᾶλλον τοῦ δέοντος more than convenient [XEN. Mem. 4.3.8](#) | *later* δέον ἐστὶ there is need, it is necessary [POL. 2.37.5](#) *etc.* || *acc. abs.* [δέον] **it being necessary or convenient** [PLAT. Prot. 355d](#) [DEMOSTH. 21.90](#) *etc.* | *fut.* ὡς αὐτίκα δεῖσον διώκειν saying that it would be necessary to pursue immediately [XEN. Cyr. 3.2.8](#) | *aor.* ἂν τέ που δεῖσαν αὐτοὺς ἐκπέμψαι βοήθειαν it would have been necessary for them to have sent assistance ISOCR. 12.180 (*cf.* [PLUT. F.M. 9.4](#)) | *later gen. abs.* δέοντος *and inf.* it being necessary CORN. 17 *etc.*

② *mid.* [δέομαι]

- ⓐ *usu.* **to feel the lack, have need of:** οἷα κάρτα δεόμενος as one in great need [HDT. 8.59](#); *subst. ptc.* οἱ δεόμενοι the destitute ISOCR. 6.67; πρὸς τὸ δεόμενον toward the threatened area (*proper.* the area that needed help) [POL. 15.15.7](#) | ► *usu.* τινος of s.o. or sthg. [HDT. 1.36.3](#) [SOPH. O.T. 1148](#) *etc.*; ἤν τι δέωνται βασιλέως if they have (any) need of a king [THUC. 8.43.4](#); οὐδὲ τῆς τροφῆς ... δεῖσθαι οὐδὲν nor, indeed, to lack for necessities of life [THUC. 8.43.4](#); οὐδὲν ἐμοῦ δέονται they have no need of me [PLAT. Theaet. 151b](#) | ► *with inf.* τοῦτο ... δέομαι σαφέστερον μαθεῖν this I need to understand more clearly ... [PLAT. Rp. 392d](#); οὐδὲν ... τῶν πράττεσθαι δεομένων nothing of what needs to be done [XEN. Cyr. 2.3.3](#)
- ⓑ *post-Hom.* **to ask, demand, request** ► τινός τινος sthg. of s.o. (*or* to ask s.o. for sthg.) [HDT. 3.157.1](#) [SOPH. O.C. 1170](#) *etc.* = ► τί (*usu. pron. neut.*) τινος [PLAT. Ap. 17d](#) *etc.*; εἴ μου δυνατὰ δέοιο if you ask me for things that are possible [PLAT. Prot. 335e](#); δεήσομαι δὲ καὶ δίκαια καὶ μέτρι' ὑμῶν ἀπάντων I will make you all a just and moderate proposal [DEMOSTH. 38.2](#) | ► *with int. obj.* τὸ δέημα τῆς νύμφης ὃ δεῖται μου the request that my wife makes of me [ARISTOPH. Ach. 1059](#); ἐμοῦ δὲ καὶ δέησιν ἰσχυρὰν ἐδεήθη he also made an insistent request of me [AESCHN. 2.43](#) | ► *only* τι sthg. [THUC. 1.32](#) | ► *only* τινος s.o. [DEMOSTH. 21.108](#) | ► τινός δ. *and inf.* to ask or request s.o. to ... [HDT. 1.59.4](#) *etc.* = ► ὥστε *or* ὅπως that [THUC. 1.119.1](#) [PLUT. Ant. 84.3](#) *etc.*; ► *with acc.* ἐδέοντο Βοιωτοὺς ὅπως παραδώσουσι they asked the Boeotians to hand over [THUC. 5.36.2](#)
- ⓒ *impers.* [δεῖται] **there is a need, it is necessary** ► *with gen.* [PLUT. Pel. 26.1](#) *etc.*; δεῖται οὖν σοι πάλιν ἐξ ἀρχῆς ... τῆς αὐτῆς ἐρωτήσεως then you must go back to the beginning of the same question [PLAT. Men. 79c](#) | ► *with inf.* [SOPH. O.C. 570](#) (*mss.*) *etc.*; τὴν μευ γλώσσαν ἐκτεμεῖν δεῖται it is necessary to cut out my tongue HEROND. 6.41 *contr. pres. with homophonous vowels* (δεε- > δει-); *for the forms* (έ)δευ- see [δέω 2](#) | *ptc.* δέων δέουσα δέον, *mid.* δεόμενος (δεύμενος [SOPHR. 35](#)) || *impf.* 3. sg. ἔδει, *Ion.* ἔδεε || *Dor. fut.* δεοῦμαι [EPICHR. 118](#) || *epic aor.* 3. sg. δῆσεν [IL. 18.100](#).

3. δέω *Aeol.* ALC. 375, see [δήω](#).