

Title: *Echo replies in Greek drama*

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Abstract: The *Cambridge Grammar of Classical Greek* (CGCG §38.21) provides us with up to five possibilities to affirmatively reply to yes/no-questions: (1) the repetition of the focus (e.g. ἄρ' οὐκ εἰσί; :: εἰσί 'are there not? :: *yes, there are*' –but note that this is not a simple polar question but a biased question marked with ἄρ'); (2) personal pronouns reinforced by γε (e.g., ἔγωγε); (3) first-person verbs expressing affirmation or agreement (e.g., φημί, ὁμολογῶ); (4) expressions of likelihood and truth (e.g., ἀναγκή, φαίνεται); (5) affirmative adverbs and adverbial phrases (e.g., ναί, μάλα). We will look into possible constraints for echo replies from a morphosyntactic standpoint as well as whether there are further distribution patterns that account for the use of echo replies instead of the other types of affirmative replies. We will examine factors such as the type of questions to which echo replies respond, whether they are true information-seeking questions or not, request for confirmation, biased questions, etc. Most importantly, we will analyse the different kinds of answers in the light of sequence organization. For this purpose, response design as described in CA (Lee 2013; Enfield, Stivers et al. 2019; Hakulinen 2001; Stivers and Hayashi 2010; Stivers 2019) provides us with a key framework.

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