

## AS Greek Unseen Prose (Xenophon) Past Paper: 2013 (Cyrus' warning to his men)

*Cyrus warns his men about the long journey ahead, on which they will not be able to live off the land. In particular, they will not find any wine on the journey and so must now get used to doing without it.*

Since the majority agreed with him that it was necessary to march against the enemy as soon as possible, and no one opposed him, Cyrus began to speak as follows:

“ὦ σύμμαχοι, τὰ ὄπλα οἷς δεῖ χρῆσθαι παρεσκεύασται. ἐγὼ γὰρ εὕρισκω τὴν ὁδὸν πλεόν ἢ πεντεκαίδεκα ἡμερῶν ἐσομένην, ἐν ἣ οὐδὲν εὐρήσομεν τῶν ἐπιτηδείων. παρασκευάζεσθαι οὖν χρὴ σίτον μὲν ἱκανόν· ἄνευ γὰρ τούτου οὔτε μάχεσθαι οὔτε ζῆν δυναίμεθ' ἄν· οἴνου δὲ μικρόν τι μόνον δεῖ ἔχειν, ἵνα μηδὲν κακὸν πάθωμεν ὕστερον ὑδροποτοῦντες<sup>1</sup>. πολλὴ γὰρ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἔσται ἄοινος. ἵνα οὖν μὴ ἐξαίφνης νόσοις πίπτωμεν, ἄοινοι γενόμενοι, ὧδε χρὴ ποιεῖν· σὺν τῷ σίτῳ νῦν εὐθὺς ἀρχώμεθα πίνειν ὕδωρ· τοῦτο γὰρ ἤδη ποιῶντες οὐ πολὺ πεισόμεθα.”

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### Words

ὑδροποτέω

I drink water

