

## Examples of πότερον or πότερα

ἀλλὰ καὶ τοῦτο, ἔφην, ἔγωγε, ὦ Ἰσχύμαχε, πάνυ ἂν ἠδέως σου πυθοίμην, πότερα αὐτὸς σὺ ἐπαίδευσας τὴν γυναῖκα ὥστε εἶναι οἷαν δεῖ ἢ ἐπισταμένην ἔλαβες παρὰ τοῦ πατρὸς καὶ τῆς μητρὸς διοικεῖν τὰ προσήκοντα αὐτῇ.

*I would be delighted to hear this too from you, Ischomachus - whether you educated your wife to be as capable as she ought to be yourself, or whether she was already educated in the duties which fall to her when you took her from her father and mother.*

Xenophon Economics 7.4

πότερον οὖν κάλλιστον ἐν γραμματιστοῦ τὰ ὅμοια γράμματα γράφειν ταχὺ ἢ ἡσυχῆ;

*So when you're with your writing teacher is it best to write out the same letters quickly or quietly?*

Plato Charmides 159c

πότερα οὖν ὅσα ἐμοὶ δοκεῖ δεῖν ἀποκρίνεσθαι, τοσαῦτά σοι ἀποκρίνωμαι, ἢ ὅσα σοί;

*Should I answer for as long as I think is necessary or for as long as you think is necessary?*

Plato Protagoras 334

πότερον καλῶς ἐλέγετο ἐκάστοτε ἢ οὐ, ὅτι ταῖς μὲν δεῖ τῶν δοξῶν προσέχειν τὸν νοῦν, ταῖς δὲ οὐ;

*Were we right or not when we used to say that we ought to pay attention to some opinions and not to others*

Plato Crito 46d

Σωκράτης: οὐκοῦν ἐκ τῶν ὁμολογουμένων τοῦτο σκεπτέον, πότερον δίκαιον ἐμὲ ἐνθένδε πειρᾶσθαι ἐξιέναι μὴ ἀφιέντων Ἀθηναίων ἢ οὐ δίκαιον·

*Socrates: Then we agree that the question is whether it is right for me to try to escape from here without the permission of the Athenians, or not right.*

Plato Crito 48c

πότερον ἂν τις ὁμολογήσῃ τῷ δίκαια ὄντα ποιητέον ἢ ἐξαπατητέον;

*ought a man to do what he has agreed to do, provided it is right, or may he violate his agreements?*

Plato Crito 49e

ἀπιόντες ἐνθένδε ἡμεῖς μὴ πείσαντες τὴν πόλιν πότερον κακῶς τινὰς ποιοῦμεν, καὶ ταῦτα οὐς ἥκιστα δεῖ, ἢ οὐ;

*If we go away from here without the consent of the state, are we doing harm to the very ones to whom we least ought to do harm, or not?*

Plato Crito 49e