

Examples of prohibition

Ἑλένη: ὦ χρόνιος ἐλθὼν σῆς δάμαρτος ἐς χέρας.

Μενέλαος: ποίας δάμαρτος; μὴ θίγῃς ἐμῶν πέπλων.

Ἑλένη: ἦν σοι δίδωσι Τυνδάρεως, ἐμὸς πατήρ.

Helen: You've come back to the arms of your wife after such a long time!

Menelaus: Which wife is that? Don't touch my cloak!

Helen: The one my father Tyndareus gave to you.

Euripides Helen 566-8

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