

GREEK HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

Topic 5: The Development of Specialised Language

The discussion of natural sciences, mathematics, medicine, and philosophy requires that appropriate terms be found to express ideas connected with these fields. Did Greek develop a specialised, technical language for these fields? How was this achieved (if at all), and what are its features (if any)?

You should be able to read all of the below; Willi (2003) is v. helpful and readable.

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