

## How do you say Phew! in Greek?<sup>1</sup>

Modern and ancient culture have many similarities.

The ancient Greek word for ‘Phew!’ is φεῦ. It is pronounced ‘Phew!’ This onomatopoeic interjection means, ‘Phew!’ It should be translated into modern American English as ‘Phew!’ The plain and simple meaning of φεῦ is ‘Phew!’

Dogs may bark, and roosters may crow differently in different cultures. However, exasperation apparently provokes a consistent reaction.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Or, as they say in Cambodia, “Same, same, but different.” Or, as the author of Ecclesiastes liked to say, “There is nothing new under the sun.”

Phew!

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