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

Modern and ancient culture have many similarities.

The ancient Greek word for 'spit' is  $\pi \tau \dot{\upsilon} \omega ptuo$ . It is pronounced puh-TOO-oh. It is an onomatopeia word, which means that it sounds like what it means. Other examples of onomatopeia are the English words, 'meow' or 'whoosh'.

The plain and simple meaning of πτύω is 'I spit.'

When Jesus met a man who was both deaf and had a speech impediment, he stuck his fingers in the man's ears and put some spit on his tongue (Mark 7:31-37). Eeew!

But, the guy could hear and speak afterwards.

O-kaaay then!

So, do you want to stay deaf or do you want to hear? I would like to be able to hear, please.

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