

– **Συγχαρητήρια!! (13th Lesson) Congratulations!!!**

March 2012. Feeling very proud of the team that worked for the Up Greek Tourism campaign, and now with the precious international friends' support, we are all enjoying a fantastic billboard at Times Square, inviting everyone to Greece, I thought it's a perfect timing to practice how we may express how proud we are of someone, or how to congratulate them (in Greek)! What do you think??

Fantastic! = «Φανταστικό»! (= fantastic)

Perfect! = «Τέλειο» (= Tèlio)

Very good work = «Πολύ καλή δουλειά» (= polì kalì thoulìa)

Bravo = «Μπράβο» (= bravo!!!!)

Congratulations = «Συγχαρητήρια» (= Siharitìria) I think this is one of the cases that the English word is actually more difficult than the Greek one!!!

I am very proud of you = «Είμαι πολύ περήφανος για σένα» = (Υμε polì perìfanos ya sena)

where: "I am" stands for «Είμαι» (=Υμε) and , "very proud" stands for «πολύ περήφανος» (=polì perìfanos)

This "perìfanos" word which means "proud" is an adjective with a male ending. That is because in Greek grammar, adjectives have sexes as well. Meaning that if a lady would like to say that "she is very proud of... you", than the lady would say «Είμαι πολύ περήφανη για σένα» = (Υμε polì perìfani ya sena). Only the ending of the word changes...

Now, other examples you might find as interesting,

I am very proud of... my family → «Είμαι πολύ περήφανος για την οικογένειά μου» (=Υμε polì perìfanos ya tin ecoyenià mou)

I am very proud of... my children → «Είμαι πολύ περήφανος για τα παιδιά μου» (= Υμε polì perìfanos ya ta pethià mou)

I am very proud of... my husband → «Είμαι πολύ περήφανη για τον σύζυγό μου» (= Υμε polì perìfani ya ton sìziwò mou)

I am very proud of... my wife → «Είμαι πολύ περήφανος για την σύζυγό μου» (= Υμε polì perìfanos ya tin sìziwò mou)

I am very proud of... all of you → «Είμαι πολύ περήφανος για όλους σας» (= Υμε polì perìfanos ya òlous sas!!!)

So I, Maria,would say... «Είμαι πολύ περήφανη για όλους σας» (= Υμε polì perìfani ya òlous sas!!!)

That says it all- end of today's lesson- enjoy!!! Kalo vradý (have a nice evening..)