

# **Basic Language and Interactive Notes Folder**

# **Thai**



**Lexical  
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## Conversation Essentials

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good morning - afternoon - evening: **sàwàtdii kráp/kâ\***

goodbye: **sàwàtdii kráp** Mr/Mrs/Miss/you: **kun**

bye-bye: **lah gòrn** see you later: **póp gan mài**

nice to meet you: **yin dii tîi dâi rúuják kun**

how are you?: **sàbah-i dii mǎi?**

fine, thanks: **sàbah-i dii kráp**

please: **garunah** excuse me/sorry: **kör tóht kráp**

thank you (very much): **kòrp kun (mahk) kráp**

never mind: **mâi bpehn rai**

are you...?: **kun bpehn ... châi mǎi ?**

yes (true): **châi** no (not true): **mâi châi**

I (don't) understand: **póm<sup>1</sup>/chän<sup>2</sup> (mâi) kâu jai**

I can't speak Thai: **póm pûut pasâh Tai mâi dâi**

can you speak English?: **kun pûut pasâh Angrít**

**dâi mǎi kráp?**

could you repeat that?: **pûut iik kráng, dâi mǎi ?**

could you speak more slowly?: **pûut châh-châh, dâi**

**mǎi kráp?**

how do you say/what is this called in Thai?:

**pahsâh Thai pûut wâh arai/râak wâh arai?**

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is there ....? ... **mii mǎi kráp?**

yes: **mii** no: **mâi mii**

I would like ....: **póm yâhk jà dâi...**

I (don't) like ....: **póm (mâi) chôrp ...**

would you like ....?: **kun au ... krap?**

yes, please: **au, krap** no thanks: **mâi au, krap**

could I have ..., please?: **kör.. dâi mǎi kráp?**

could you ....?: **kun ... dâi mǎi kráp?**

how much is this/that?: **an nîi tâu rai, kráp?**

very/too expensive: **peehng mâhk/geurn bpai**

good: **dii** better: **dii gwâh** best: **dii tîi sùt**

bad: **mâi dii, yêeh** very bad: **mâi dii leuh-i**

more: **gwâh** less: **noi gwâh**

where is ....? : ... **yùu tîi năi, kráp?**

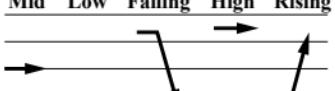
where does this bus go to...?: **rót kan nîi bpai năi?**

good luck!: **chôhk dii!**

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\*polite form: **kráp** for males, **ka** for females

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a-u    à-ù    â-û    á-ó    ă-ă

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# Thai

### **Lexical Group Series**



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## Preface

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Visiting or living in a new country provides many opportunities to expand your horizons, especially if you have a basic awareness of the local language. This booklet was drafted with the aim of facilitating interactions with Thai people in your own living version of the Thai language, at whatever level it might be!

A very basic introduction, simple coverage of essential grammar, word groups in lexical categories, these provide your skeleton of bare bones which you can stick together at will. The idea is that this booklet should be an interactive resource so that free spaces are liberally distributed throughout, allowing you to



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make your own additions, observations and notes for continued reference .It is designed for use with the sister ‘multi-lingual language course’.

Armed with the ‘Thai’ language drill folder I hope that you gain maximum enjoyment and success in delving into the Thai worlds which are of most interest to you personally, adding your own extra vocabulary and comments to help you achieve your own aims with the language.

Happy interacting!

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## **Notes**

# The Thai Language

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## a) History

The language of Thailand belongs to the Kadai or Kam-Tai family, all members of which are derived from a common Proto-Tai, the probable place of origin being near the border of northern Vietnam and south-eastern China. In addition to Thailand itself, Tai languages are spoken in Laos, Assam, northern Burma (Shan), north Vietnam and Yunnan, Guizhou and Guangxi.

The first major kingdom of the Thai, established with Sukhothai as its capital in the thirteenth century, is thought to have had a spoken language resembling Proto-Thai in its



tonal structure. Basically with three tones, it was in use at the time of the creation of the writing system by King Ramkhamhaeng (1275-1317). The alphabet is based on Sanskrit, supplemented with tone marks, and since it has only undergone slight changes in the intervening period, Thais can in fact read writing that is hundreds of years old. The language predominantly consists of monosyllabic words, written from left to right and lacking separating spaces except at the ends of clauses or sentences. It is now generally accepted that Thai descended from the Sukhothai dialect with sound changes, or tonal splits, which eventually resulted in the present day 5 tones.

During the Ayutthaya period, large numbers of Sanskrit words, and a smaller number derived

from Pali, entered the language. Such loanwords offer a similarity to the role played by Latin and Greek forms in English, most finding use in technical vocabularies for government, religion and education. Intelligentsia and artisans introduced into the country from Angkor also imported with them numbers of Khmer words. Over the last few decades, new vocabulary has continued to be added due to the cultural influence of the west, and the United States in particular.

There are four basic dialects spoken in Thailand, with Central Thai as the official language of communication. Travellers to the North, North-East and South, however, will rapidly appreciate that dialects predominate in these regions. Even in the most remote village, however, you will be able to find individuals capable of communicating in Central Thai.

## b) Pronunciation

The following is a guide to the pronunciation of Thai words as given in the present booklet. The system followed is based on the authors own attempt to make a consistent transliteration.

### Consonants

<b>b</b>	as in bore	<b>l</b>	as in loot
<b>bp</b>	soft <b>p</b>	<b>m</b>	as in mud
<b>ch</b>	as in chore	<b>n</b>	as in no
<b>d</b>	as in door	<b>ng</b>	as in (wi)ng
<b>dt</b>	soft <b>t</b>	<b>p</b>	as in pass
<b>f</b>	as in foot	<b>r</b>	as in route
<b>g</b>	as in get	<b>s</b>	as in saw
<b>h</b>	as in hat	<b>t</b>	as in toe
<b>j</b>	as in jazz	<b>w</b>	as in wait
<b>k</b>	as in cat	<b>y</b>	as in young

### Vowels

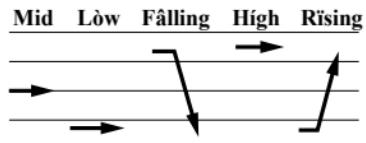
<b>a</b>	as in bat	<b>eu</b>	as in fur/err
<b>ah</b>	as in father	<b>i</b>	as in tin
<b>ah-i</b>	as in ah-ee	<b>ii</b>	as in tea
<b>ai</b>	as in eye	<b>oh</b>	as in toe
<b>au</b>	as in owl	<b>or</b>	as in awe
<b>eh</b>	as in face	<b>u</b>	as in book
<b>eeh</b>	as in air	<b>uu</b>	as in rude

In practice there is very little distinction between **r** and **l**. Remember also that an **l** at the end of a word is pronounced as an **n**, while **j**, **ch**, **s** and **d** become **t**, and **g** becomes **k**. In addition, **v** in Thai words is pronounced **w**.

### Thai Tones

The pitch at which a syllable is pronounced is an integral part of each word, determining meaning in fact as part of the spelling.

The five tones are: mid: **a, e, i, o, u**;  
low: **à, è, ì, ò, ù** falling: **â, ê, î, ô, û**;  
high: **á, é, ú, í, ó** and rising: **ă, ě, ĩ, ö, ă**



Eventually you should aim to be able to make correct usage of the tones although you can not allow this to put you off at the beginning - usually the context will make it clear what you are trying to say!

# Grammar - Wayagon

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## a) Introduction

If you want to be able to speak Thai with any degree of natural fluency a long list of phrases for set situations is not of real practical help. You need to understand exactly what you are saying - within the limits set by your command of the tones! - and to make your own sentences from simple beginnings. To start, all you require is the basic grammar and how the sentence components are pieced together. Natural addition of single words to your active vocabulary, as you have an opportunity or necessity to use them, will then gradually increase the scope of your language ability.

The sentence structure is **subject-verb-object**, although the object may be placed first for emphasis, especially with a negative.

People Thai like (to) eat food Thai

**Kon Thai chôrp gin ah-hăhn Thai**

Food English, people Thai not like (to eat)!

**Ah-hăhn Angrit, Kon Thai mây chôrp (gin)!**

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Examples of sentences to make with groups of words in the lexical dictionary for interchange practice are provided below. Here we should introduce a unique feature of the Thai language. In order to be polite, Thai people regularly end their sentences with a special single syllable, **khráp** (becomes **kháp** in normal conversation) if male and **khâ** (**khá** when used with a question) if female. With longer conversations it is not necessary with every sentence but for greetings it is wise to be make liberal use of these politeners unless with close friends. The same words employed alone denote agreement or simply acknowledgement in having listened.

Remember that the Thais are in fact a very polite nation overall and that they will appreciate restrained general behaviour on your part, including your controlling the level of your decibels in speech. Needless to say, anger in your voice will not be greatly appreciated. and will not help you attain the aim of enjoying a pleasant stay in the land of smiles. Therefore, along with your trusty 'folder', be armed with a ready grin and be prepared to make friends.

## b) Parts of Speech

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### NOUNS: **kam nahm**

Nouns do not have separate single/plural forms, do not vary with their role in the sentence and do not take a definite or indefinite article.

If you wish to define a noun, use this or that:

**bâhn**: house      **bâhn nîi**: this house  
                        **bâhn nán**: that house

In order to express plurality, the Thai language makes extensive use of counters, the order being number - counter - noun

**pûu yîng sôrng kon** women two people  
**nângsêur sâhm lêhm** book(s) three flat things  
**3-nin no josei** three people its woman  
**5 satsu no hon** 5 books its book

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Nouns can be formed from adjectives and verbs of concept using **kwahm**, and from verbs of physical action with **gahn**

**rórn**: hot      **kwahm rórn**: heat  
**kwahm ráp pít chôrp**: responsibility  
**kwahm láp**: secret  
**kwahm sám-rèht**: success  
**bin**: to fly      **gahn bin**: flight  
**gahn sèuk-sâh**: education  
**gahn deurn-tahng**: journey  
**gahn meurng**: politics

## Wayagon - Sàppa Nahm

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PRONOUNS: **kam sàppa nahm**

Personal pronouns: **kam sàppa nahm**  
**sàdeehng kwahm bpen suàn-dtua**

I = me (male) **põm** (female) **chǎn, dì-chǎn**  
you: **kun** (polite): **tâhn**

(close friends/lovers): **teur**

he/she = him/her: **kău** it: **man**

we = us: **rau** they = them: **kău**

Possessive pronouns: **kam sàppa nahm**  
**sàdeehng kwahm bpehn jâu körng**

Formed with one word for thing, **körng**, and  
the personal pronoun

my: **körng põm** his/her: **körng kău**

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for me **samrap pom** with him **gap kao**  
for it **samrap man** with them **gap buak kao**

Demonstrative pronouns: **kam sàppa nahm**  
**sàhtít** are also demonstrative adjectives  
this/these (tii) **nii**  
that/those (tii) **nan**  
that/those over there (tii) **nohn**

## Wayagon - Kam Kunnasàp

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### ADJECTIVES: kam kunnasàp

Adjectives follow the noun independent of whether the .

she is a beautiful woman **kao pen puu ying suai**  
the beautiful woman is here

**puu ying suai yuu nii**

Comparatives are formed with the word for more, **gwàh** (or less **nór-i gwàh**), and superlatives with that for most, **tíi sùt**.

**yài - yài gwàh - yài tíi sùt** large-larger-largest

he is bigger than me **kău yài gwàh póm**

When comparing with a previous status an alternative word for more, **keun**, can be applied

**kău súung keun dău níi** he (is) taller now  
too ... : ... **geurn bpai** not... enough : **mái por** ...

for as...as use ‘same’ **měurn**  
he is as big as me **kău yài měurn póm**

for -er...-er use ‘more’ **yìng.... yìng**  
the sooner the better **yìng reh-u dâi yìng dii**

### VERBS: **kam** gàriyah

Thai verbs do not vary their endings with the pronoun and there is no infinitive 'to'. A negative is formed with **mâi** before the verb

**gin** eat = to eat      **mâi gin** not eat / to not eat  
**bpehn** be = to be    **mâi bpehn** not be / to not be

There is no conjugation for past or future tenses and context is important. However, there are constructions for use to denote time of action.

For ongoing action **gamlang** is employed before the verb, especially if it is wished to stress that the action is being done now!, or **yùu** after the verb.

**põm gamlang tam!** I am doing (it) now!  
**põm tam ngahn yùu!** I am working

For completed action in the simple past the word **léeh-u**, already, can be used at end of the sentence.

**kău tam léeh-u** he has done (it) already

The past tense can be expressed with **dâi** for can, before the verb, often with negative statements.

**kău mâi dâi tam** He could not do (it)

For future actions **ja** before the verb is used

**kău ja tam** he will do (it)



### Important Verbs: To be and to have

To be for nouns is **bpehn**

**pǒm bpehn kon Angrit** I am an English person

However, it is not used with adjectives, which themselves act as verbs, and **bpehn** can also have other meanings, including ‘to be able to’.

**kāu lēhn gitah bpehn** he can play the guitar  
**pǒm tahn ah-hăhn Thai māi bpehn**

I cannot eat Thai food (because too hot, perhaps)

For to have and be with the connotation of existence or there is, **mii** is the Thai equivalent

**pǒm mii năngsĕu** I have a book  
**tii Meung Thai mii ah-hăhn àròr-i**  
In Thailand there is food delicious

### Important Verbs: Modals - like, must, need, ought to, want, would like, and can, are placed before nouns or other verbs

Like/enjoy: **chôrp**

**Pǒm chôrp khun/** I like you/music

**Pǒm chôrp lēn gitah** I like to play the guitar

Must: **dtôrng pǒm dtôrng bpai** I must go

Note that need before a noun is **dtôrng gahn**

**pǒm dtôrng gahn pótjanah nûgrom**

I need a dictionary



Want/would like: **yàhk (jà)**

**pǒm yàhk (jà) bpai** I would like to go

Note that want before a noun is **au** or **yàhk dâi**  
**rau au/yàhk dâi bâhn** we want a house

Ought to/should: **nâh/khuan jà**

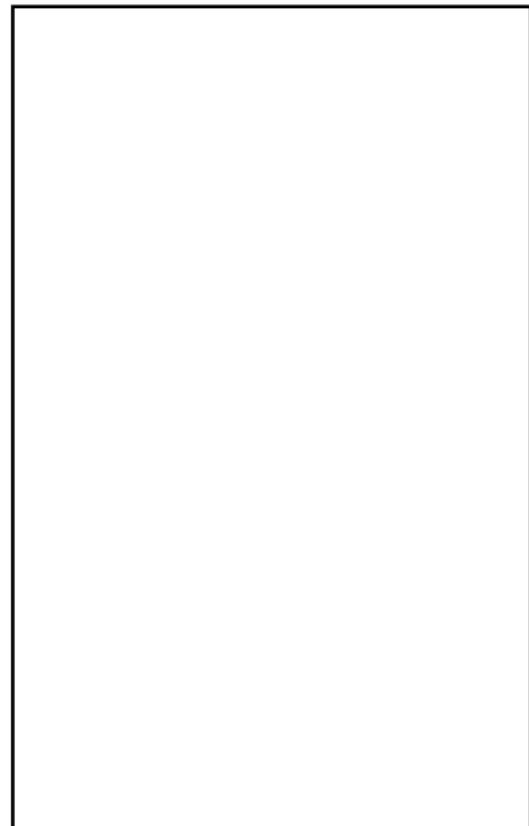
**kun nâh/khuan jà bpai** you should go

Can/be able to: **dâi/bpehn/wai** (end verb phrases)

**tahn mây dâi** I am not able/allowed to eat

**kău wah-i nám mây wái**

He physically can not swim (too tired perhaps)



### ADVERBS: **gàriyah wisèht**

Adverbs, often adjectives doubled, generally follow the verb **bpai rehu-rehu** go quickly

With time/probability, they usually precede the verb:  
ever: **keu-i** perhaps: **àht jà**  
(not) yet: **yang** rarely: **mâi kôr-i jà**  
usually: **tam-madah**

Others come at the end of the sentence:  
also: **dûai** only: **tâunán** often: **bòr-i bòr-i**



### CONJUNCTION: **Conjunción**

Simple joining:

I have a coat and/or a hat

**Chan mii seur koht le/reu muak**

I have a coat but I do not have a hat

**Chan mii seur koht dteeh mai mii muak**

Explanations:

If/because I have money I can go

**Tah/pror mii ngeun samaht pai dai**

Although/even if/unless I have money I cannot go

**Meeh wah mii ngern gor pai mai dai**

I want to go. However, I have no money

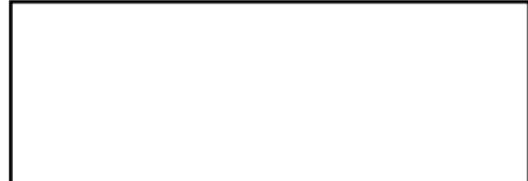
**Pom yahk pai. Dteeh wah mii ngern**

I have (no) money. Therefore, I will (not) go

**Pom (mai) mii ngern. Dang nan pom ja pai  
(mai pai)**

I can speak neither English nor Thai

**Pom mai samaht put passah Angkrit leh Thai**



### PREPOSITIONS: **kam bùppàbòt**

Thai prepositions are placed in front of a noun in order to specify the relationship with a verb, adjective, or other noun that precedes it.



### QUESTIONS: **kam tähm**

Questions can be formed using question words, generally at the end of sentences, or with tags

how?: **yàng-rai** how much?: **tâu rài**

what?: **àrai** which?: **an năi**

when?: **mêur rài** who?: **krai**

where?: **tíi năi**

why?: **tam-mai** why not?: **tam-mai māi**

**māi**: makes a question

**ah-hăhn àròr-i māi?** is the food delicious?

**àròr-i / māi àròr-i** answer yes/no

**châi māi?** asks for confirmation

**bpehn körng kun, châi māi?** its yours,

isn't it? **châi /mâi châi** answer yes/no



## Wayagon - Kam Tăhm

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**rěu?** asks or?

**sabai dii rěu?:** are you well (or)?

**sabai dii/ māi sabai:** yes, I am well/  
no, I am not well

**rěu pláu?** asks or not?

**yàhk (jà)bpai rěu pláu**

want to go or not?

**yàhk (jà)bpai /māi yàhk (jà)bpai**

yes/no

**léeh-u rěu yang?** asks already or not?

**tahn kâu léeh-u rěu yang?**

eaten yet?



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# **Basic English - Thai**

## **Lexical Group Dictionary**

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Provided, in alphabetical order within groups, are English words and selected Thai equivalents for the various lexical categories:

adjectives: **kam kun na sàp:**

general; colours; feelings; people; things: 26-35

adverbs: **kam gàriyah wí-sèht**

condition; place; time: 36-39

conjunctions: **kam săn-than**

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counters: **laksànà-nahm**

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nouns: **kam nahm:** animal; body;

city/countryside; clothes; country; culture/society;  
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The empty boxes are included for additional vocabulary/comments of your own.

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## **Use it! Chái si!**

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## kam kunasàp - bporímahñ lèh lamdàp

adjective: kam kunasàp

quantity and order: bporímahñ lèh lamdàp

all: táng mòt another: iik any: báng  
both: táng sörng different: dtàhng gan  
each/every: tuk enough: por  
a few/few: nór-i first: tii réehk  
last: tii-léeh-u the last: suttaí  
less: nór-i gwàh a little nid nór-i  
more: mâhk gwàh most: suan yai

## kam kunasàp - bporímahñ lèh lamdàp

much/many: mâhk, yeu

next: nâh no/not: mài none: mài mii

plural: pâh húu pót quite: p

same: měurn gan

several: lăh-i similar: èh-ga pót

singular: èh-ga pót some: báng

this/these: níi that/those: nán/nôhn

adjective modifiers

enough: por exceedingly: leurgeun

extremely: yang mahk so: ka-nàht nii

sufficiently: por sòmkuan than: gwàh

too: geurn bpai very: mâhk, yeu

## kam kun nasàp - sìng kǒng

thing, object, matter:

sìng kòrng, wát-tù, rêurng

big: yài ↔ small: lék

clean: sà-åht ↔ dirty: sòkgà-bpròk

comfortable: sàbái-jai

complicated: yûng yâhk

convenient: sàdùak

dangerous: andtarah-i ↔ safe: bplòrt-pai

dark: mèurt ↔ bright: sàwàhng

easy: ngàh-i ↔ difficult: yâhk, lâmbâhk

empty: wâhng ↔ full: dtehm

excellent: yôrt yâm ↔ awful: yêeh mâhk

expensive: peéhng ↔ cheap: tûuk

fast: reh-u ↔ slow: cháh

good: dii ↔ bad: mây dii, yeéh

better: dii gwâh ↔ worse: yeéh gwâh

best: dii tîi sùt ↔ worst: yeéh tîi sùt

hard: këehng ↔ soft: órn

## kam kun nasàp - sìng kǒng

heavy: nàk ↔ light: bau

high: súung ↔ low: dtàm

(un)important: (mây) sámkan

modern: tan-sàmái ↔  
old-fashioned: láh-sàmái

near: glâi ↔ far: glai

(un)necessary: (mây) jam bpen

new: mài ↔ old: gâu

noisy: nùak hûu, dang ↔ quiet: ngâap

open: bpéurt ↔ closed: bpít

popular: tîi níyom

(im)possible: bpen bpai (mây) dâi

practical: bpà tî bat serious: jingjang

short: sân ↔ long: yah-u special: pí-sèht

tight: káp ↔ loose: lüam

useful: mii bprà-yòht

wet: bpiak ↔ dry: héehng

## kam kunnasàp - sǐi lēh òrk bèehp

colours and design: **sǐi lēh òrk bèehp**

black: **dam** blond: **blon**

blue (sky): **nám-ngern (fáh)**

brown: **nám-dtahn**

checked: **lah-i máhkrük** colourful: **sǐi sàñ**

dark ...: ... **kêm** green: **kiău** grey: **tau**

light ...: ... **òrn** orange: **sôm**

pale ...: ... **jèud** long pink: **chompuu**

plain: **ríap (péun)** purple: **mûang**

red: **deehng** round: **trong glom**

square: **sii-liam** striped: **lah-i**

white: **kăh-u** yellow: **lěurng**

## kam kunnasàp - rúusèuk

feeling: **rúusèuk** -ing: **nah -**, **tam hai -**

afraid: **glua** angry: **gròht** bored: **bèur**

calm: **jai yen** certain: **nêehjai**

disappointed: **pít wăng**

enjoyable: **nam sanuk sanahm**

envious: **it-châh** excited: **dtéurn dtéhn**

experienced: **mii prasopgahn**

happy: **suk jai**, **dii jai**, **yin dii**

hungry: **hǐw kao** interested: **sõn jai**

jealous: **hěung** lonely: **ngău**

painful: **jèhp bpùat** sad: **sâu**

satisfied: **por jai** sleepy: **ngûang norn**

surprised: **bpràlåht-jai**

thirsty: **hǐw nam** tired: **nèur-i**

people: **kon**

ambitious: **tayeur tayahn**

beautiful, pretty: **súa-i** ↔ ugly: **nâh gliat**

blind: **dtah bòrt**

busy: **mái-wâhng** ↔ free: **wâhng**

cute: **nâh rák** cynical: **yiat yahm**

deaf: **hău nùak** divorced: **yâh râhng**

drunk: **mau** ↔ sober: **ngiap kreum**

easy-going: **chorp sabai, ngai bpai?**

famous: **mii chêur-siāng**

fat (obese): **ûan (ùap)** ↔ thin: **pôrm**

greedy: **lôhp** handsome: **lòr**

healthy: **sùk-kapâhp** **dii** ↔

ill: **mái sàbah-i**

honest: **sêur sàt** ↔ dishonest **mái sêur sàt**

intelligent: **cha-làht** ↔ stupid: **ngóh**

kind: **jai dii** ↔ cruel: **hòht râh-i**

lazy: **kîi giât** ↔ hard-working: **kah-yan**

married: **dtèehng ngahn** ↔ single: **sòt**

old: **gèeh** ↔ young: **nùm, sâh-u**

optimistic: **nai ngeeh dii** ↔

pessimistic: **nai ngêeh ráh-i**

polite: **sùpâhp** ↔ rude: **mái mii mah-ra-**

poor: **jon** ↔ rich: **rua-i** **yâht**

pragmatic: **nai tahng bpadtibat**

pretty: **ngahm** right: **tùuk** ↔ wrong: **pít**

right-/left-handed: **chái meur kwâh/sâh-i**

selfish: **hěhn gèeh-dtua**

serious: **au-jing au-jang** (**jing-jang**)

shy: **ah-i** ↔ confident: **mân jai**

short: **dtia** ↔ tall: **súung**

slim: **priau** ↔ stout: **nâh**

stingy: **kîi nîau** ↔ generous: **jai dii**

successful: **mii samret**

weak: **òrn-eeh** ↔ strong: **kěehng reehng**

wise: **mii bpanyah** ↔

foolish: **ngóh klah-u**

## kam kun nasàp - chim léeh

taste and cooking: **chim léeh**

**gahn bprung ah-håhn**

bitter: **kõm** boiled: **dtõm** crispy: **k**

delicious: **ärör-i** dry: **hêehng**

fatty: **käi man** fresh: **sòt** fried: **tôrt**

frozen: **chèeh këehng** grilled: **yâhng**

(medium)-rare: **mâi sùk**

salty: **kehm** sour: **bpriâu**

spicey: **pèht** sweet: **wâhng**

tasty(less): **(mâi) mii rôt châht**

tender: **nûm** tough: **këehng**

well-done: **sùk mâhk**

## kam kun nasàp - ah-gåht

weather: **ah-gåht**

cold: **yen** ↔ hot: **rórñ**

cool: **nâhu** ↔ warm: **óp ûn**

cloudy: **mii meehek**

fine: **dii, bpòrt bprøhng** humid: **chéurn**

rainy: **mii fón** snowy: **mii himá**

sunny: **dèeht òrk**

windy: **mii lom reehng**

adverb: kam wí-sèht

how?: yàng-rai?

accidentally: doh-i bang-eun

actually: téeh jing almost: gèurp

alone: kon diau also: dûay

altogether: táng mòt

anyhow: dtéeh yàhng dai

anyway: yang rai gôr dtahm

approximately: doh-i bpràmahñ

at least: yàng nòi badly: yàng yeéh

basically: doh-i péun tahn

carefully: rá-mát ráwang

carelessly: châhp chüai

certainly: nêeh norn

especially: doh-i chà-pór yàang yìng

exactly: yàhng nêeh norn

for example: dtua yàhng chêñ

fortunately: chôhk dii

generally: doi tûa bpai gladly: dtèhm jai

hardly/barely: teehp ja mài/dtém geehn

in a hurry: rüip tam mostly: suan mâhk

naturally: doh-i tamma-châht

normally: doh-i bpò-ka-dti

of course: nêeh norn only: tâunán

on purpose: doh-i jing jai

perhaps: bahng tii, àhtjá probably: kongjà

quickly: rew rew

really: jing jing/réur slowly: châh châh

so: dang nán somehow: gôr dtahm tii

together: dûa-i gan

totally: sùt thii, tang mot

unfortunately: nah sia dai, chôhk ráh-i

unwillingly: mài dtèhm jai

usually: pôkatii, tam-madah

well: yang dii

when: mēur rài

after: lǎng afterwards: pai lǎng

again: iik (kráng)

ago: tī leéh-u already: léeh-u

always: saměur at last!: nai tī sùt

before: górn early: reh-u

every time: túk wehlah/kráng

frequently: bòr-i bòr-i

immediately: tan-tii just (now): peung

late: sàh-i, cháh later: tī lǎng

never: māi keu-i now: díau níi

occasionally: bahng kráng

often: bòr-i bòr-i on time: dtrong wehlah

rarely: māi bòr-i recently: mēur reh-u níi

seldom: nán kráng

sometimes: bahng kráng soon: reh-u níi

still: khana-níi suddenly: tan dai nǎn

then: wehlah nán not yet: yang

where: tīi nái

anywhere: túk hèehng

away: bpai tīi èurn backwards: yórn glàp

downwards: tīi lâhng

eastwards: tahng tit dtàwan òrk

everywhere: túk tīi forwards: kâhng nâh

here: tīi nii from -: jâhk nii to -: tahng níi

northwards: tahng tit něu-a

nowhere: māi mee tīi

sideways: dâhn kâhng

somewhere: tīi-nái sàk hèehng

southwards: tahng tit dtâi

straight on: dtrong bpai

there: tīi nân over there: tīi nôhn

to/on the left: tahng sâh-i

to/on the right: tahng kwâh

upwards: tīi kâhng bon

westwards: tahng tit dtàwan dtòk

## kam săn-than

### conjunctions: kam săn-than

although: **méeh wâh** and: **léh**

as well as: **dtà-lòrt jon**

because: **prór wâh** but: **dtéeh wâh**

either...or.: **châi...chêñ gan.../** **mâi...gôr...**

even if: **tëung méeh wâh**

however: **yàhng rai gôr dtahm**

if: **tâh** in case of: **nai gor nîi tîi**

in order to: **pêur tîi jà** instead: **teehn tîi**

neither...nor.: **mai châi...chêñ nán /**

**mâi táng...léh** or: **r  ur**

provided that: **h  k w  ** since: **dt  ng dt  eh**

thus, therefore: **d  ng n  n, pror ch   n  n**

until: **gr  t  ng** while, whereas: **ka n   tîi**

## kam nahm - s  t l  h b  pl  uk - l  ks  n  -nahm

### nouns: kam nahm

animals and plants: **s  t l  h b  pl  uk**

bird: **n  k** cat: **m  eh-u**

cockroach: **maleehng s  hp** dog: **m  h**

elephant: **ch  hng** flower: **d  rk m  i**

horse: **m  h** human being: **man  t**

Martian: **kon angkah** mosquito: **yung**

pet/domestic animal: **s  t l  iang**

tree: **dt  n m  i** wild animal: **s  t bp  h**

counters/classifiers: **l  ks  n  -nahm**

animals, tables: **dtua** books: **l  hm**

newspapers: **cha-b  p** people: **kon**

pieces: **chin** pills: **m  t** vehicles: **kan**

when in doubt: **an**

## kam nahm - râhng gah-i lêh sêur pâh

body and clothes: **râhng gah-i lêh sêur pâh**  
arm: **kêehn** back: **läng** belt: **kêm kât**  
boot: **rorng táu bùut**  
bra: **sêua chán nai sà-dtrii**  
brain: **sàmörng** breast: **dtâu nom**  
coat: **sêua klum** dress: **dtèehng gah-i**  
ear: **h  u** eye: **t  h** face: **n  h**  
finger: **n  u meur** foot: **t  u**  
glove: **tung meur** gut: **lam s  i**  
hair: **p  m** hand: **meur** hat/helmet: **m  uak**  
head: **s  i-s  , h  a** heart: **h  a jai**  
jacket: **sêur krum** leg: **k  h**

## kam nahm - râhng gah-i lêh sêur pâh

liver: **dt  p** mouth: **bp  hk**  
muscle: **gl  hm n  ur** nose: **j   m  uuk**  
pajamas: **sêur gahng-gehng norn**  
shirt: **sêur ch  urt** shoes: **rorng táu**  
skirt: **gr  -bprohng** skin: **piew n  ng**  
stomach: **t  rng** slipper: **rorng dt  eh**  
socks: **t  ng táu** suit: **ch  t dt  ehng-dtua**  
sweater: **sêur gan n  h-u**  
swimsuit: **ch  t w  hi n  m** tie: **nektai**  
tights: **tung n  rng** toe: **n  u táu**  
tooth: **fan** trousers: **gahng-gehng**  
underwear: **ch  t ch  n nai**

## kam nahm - meurng lèh chonnabòt

city and countryside: **meurng lèh chonnabòt**  
address: **tîi yùu** apartment: **hôrng châu**  
art-museum: **pípítápan sinlabpà**  
bank: **tànahkahn** beach: **chah-i hàht**  
bookshop: **ráhn năngseur**  
border: **chah-i deehn** bridge: **sàpahn**  
building: **ah-kahn** church: **bòht**  
cinema: **rohng nàng** coast: **fàng tâleh**  
dept store: **hâhng sàpásin káh**  
desert: **tâleh sah-i** embassy: **sátáhn tûut**  
escalator: **ban dai lêurn**  
factory: **rohng ngahn** farm: **fahm**  
field: **sanăhm yâh**  
fire-station: **sátâhnii dàp pleung**  
floor (ground/2nd): **chán (lâhng/söng)**  
forest/jungle: **bpâh** garden: **suan**  
high-rise: **dtèuk súung**  
hospital: **rohng páyah bâhn**  
hotel: **rohng reehm** house: **bâhn**

## kam nahm - meurng lèh chonnabòt

island: **gòr** lake: **tâleh sàhp** land: **tîi din**  
library: **hôrng sàmùt** lift: **lîif**  
market: **dtâ-lâht** moon: **prá jan**  
moonlight: **séehng jan** mosque: **mat sa-yid**  
mountain: **puu kău** museum: **pípítapan**  
ocean: **máhäsàmùt**  
office: **sámñák-ngahn** park: **súan**  
police station: **sátâh-nii dtam-rúat**  
post office: **bprai sàniï**  
restaurant: **ráhn ah-hâhn**  
river: **mêeh náhm** road: **tànõn**  
school: **rohng rian** sea: **tâleh**  
shop: **ráhn káh** sky: **fâh/tórng-fâh**  
skyscraper: **dtèuk ráfâh** star: **dah-u**  
suburb: **chahn meurng**  
sun: **prá ahtít** sunlight: **séehng ahtít**  
swimming pool: **srá wâh-i nám**  
temple: **wát** theatre: **rohng lakon**  
tourist resort: **risort törng fiau**  
town: **dtua meurng, ampeu, tambon**  
town center: **jai glahng meurng**  
town hall: **sâhlah glahng jangwât**  
university: **máhă wíttáyalai**  
valley: **hùpkău** village: **mùu bâhn**  
volcano: **puu-kău fai**  
waterfall: **nám dtòk** zoo: **súan sàt**

**kam nahm - bpràtêht léh pahsăh**

country and language: **bpràtêht léh pahsăh**

China: **jiin** England: **ang-grít**

France: **faràngsèht** Germany: **yeura-man**

India: **india** Italy: **italii** Japan: **yîi-bpùn**

Korea: **gauli** Myanmar: **pamâh**

Russia: **ratsia** Thailand: **meurng thái**

Spain: **spehn** USA: **àmehrígah**

**kam nahm - bpràtêht léh pahsăh**

capital city: **meurng luang**

compatriot: **pêurn ruâm châht**

compass points: **kéhm tit**

north: **tit néua** south: **tit dtâi**

east: **tit dtàwan òrk** west: **tit dtàwan dtòk**

north-east: **tit dtàwan òrk chiang néua**

south-west: **tit dtàwan dtòk chiang dtâi**

continent: **towîip** equator: **séhnsüun sùut**

foreigner: **kon dtâhng-châht, faràng**

foreign language:

**pahsăh dtâhng bprà-têht**

international organisation:

**ong gorn ràwâhng bprà-têht**

nation: **bpràtêht**

national anthem: **plehng châht**

national flag: **tong châht**

nationality: **săñ-châht**

province: **jangwât** world: **lôhk**

## kam nahm - watánahtam léh sǎng-kom

culture and society: **watánahtam léh sǎng-kom**

archaeology: **bohrahn kadii**

architecture: **sàtäh bpàtayagam**

art: **sìn-labpà** bill: **bin** birth: **gahn gèurt**

business: **túrágit** chess: **máhk rùk**

cinema: **nǎng** community: **chum chon**

company: **borisàt** competition: **kûu kèehng**

concert: **kornseut, g sàdehng don-dtrii**

cooking: **bprung ah-hähn**

dancing: **dtéhn ram** death: **gahn dtah-i**

education: **sèuk-säh**

employment: **g jâhng ngahn**

entertainment: **kwahm banteung**

environment: **sing wêeht lórm**

example: **dtua yâhng**

exercise: **òrk gamlang gah-i**

export: **sòng òrk** failure: **lóm lèeh-u**

fate: **chôhk chadtah** film: **pâhpàyon**

fine art: **wijisin** games: **gehm**

geography: **puumísåht**

## kam nahm - watánahtam léh sǎng-kom

goods: **sínkáh** health: **sùk ka pâhp**

history: **bpràwàtsåht** import: **nam kâu**

industry: **ùtsäh hágam**

information: **kôr muun**

investment: **gahn long tún**

journal: **wahrasåhn** journey: **deun tahng**

knowledge: **kwahm rúu**

language: **pahsåh** life: **chiwit**

magazine: **nídtàyå sähn** music: **don-dtrii**

news: **kâh-u** newspaper: **nângs u pim**

opportunity: **ohgåht** painting: **pâhp kian**

peace: **sà-ng p** philosophy: **bpàtyah**

photography: **r up t h-i**

politics: **gahn meurng**

pollution: **s p hp w eht l rm bpen p t**

poverty: **kwahm y hk jon**

price: **rah-kah** problem: **bpan-h h**

religion: **s h ts n h** research: **gahn wijai**

reservation: **gahn jorng**

science: **w ttayahs ht** sculpture: **r up bp n**

singing: **r ong playng** sport: **giilah**

success: **s mr ht** theatre: **rohng lakorn**

TV: **toh-rat t** TV program: **rah-i gahn**

unemployment: **gahn w hng ngahn**

war: **s ng-krahm**

wealth: **kwahm m ngk ng** work: **ngahn**

## kam nahm - rôhk lêh yah

disease and medicine: **rôhk lêh yah**

AIDS: **rôhk èht** allergy: **rôhk péeh**

anesthetic: **yah salòp**

antibiotics: **yah-bpàdti chiiwaná**

asthma: **rôhk hôrp hèurt**

arteriosclerosis: **gahn sèurm körng lòrtlèrt**

back-ache: **bpùat lăng**

bronchitis: **rôhk lòrt-lom àksèhp**

cancer: **rôhk marehng**

chemotherapy: **yah kehmii banbàt**

cirrhosis: **rôhk dtàp këehng** cold: **wàt**

cough: **ai** cough medicine: **yah géeh ai**

cure: **ráksăh hah-i kaht**

diabetes: **rôhk bau wâhn**

diagnosis: **gahn wínitchái rôhk**

ear-ache: **bpùat húu**

fatal disease: **rôhk t ung dtah-i**

fever: **k ai** heart attack: **h ua jai wah-i**

hay fever: **k ai jahm**

head-ache: **bpùat h ua**

hepatitis: **rôhk dtàp àksèhp**

infection: **gahn dtid-dt r**

inflammation: **p eh àksèhp**

influenza: **k ai w aty i**

injection: **gahn ch id laxative: **yah rábah-i****

## kam nahm - rôhk lêh yah

leprosy: **rôhk réurn** malaria: **mahlahria**

mental disease: **rôhk h ahng j it**

operation: **gahn p ah-dt t**

painkillers: **yah g éeh bp uat**

pill: **yah méht** prescription: **bai s angyah**

radiotherapy: **rangsii banb t**

sneeze: **jahm** stroke: **rôhk am m a-p h t**

sleeping pill: **yah norn l ap**

stomach-ache: **bp uat t orng**

surgery: **s anyagam** symptom: **ah-gahn**

tablet: **yah méht** tooth-ache: **bp uat fan**

treatment: **gahn r áks h**

vaccine: **w aksiin** VD: **rôhk gah-mar ohk**

food: **ah-hăhn**

bread: **kanǒm bpang**

breakfast: **ah-hăhn cháu** butter: **neu-i**

cake: **kànǒm** cheese: **neu-i kĕehng**

condiments: **krêurng geehng**

chilli: **prík** fish sauce: **nám bplah**

garlic: **grátiam** ginger: **kíng**

herb: **sàmún prai** mint: **bài sàranêe**

mustard: **mustard** pepper: **prík tai**

salt: **gleur** soy sauce: **sii-iú**

sugar: **náhm dtahn** vinegar: **náhm sôm**

container: **pâhchaná** bag: **tung**

bottle: **kùat** box: **klòrng**

can: **gràpöng** carton: **klòrng** jar: **töh**

pack: **chorng** pot: **gràbù k** wrap: **hör**

curry: **geehng** dessert: **kanǒm**

dinner: **ah-hăhn yehn**

drink: **dèurm**

alcohol: **lâu** beer: **bia** coffee: **gahfeeh**

lemonade: **nám ma nâu** milk: **nám nom**

tea: **nám chah** water: **nám**

mineral-: **nám rêeh** wine: **wain**

egg: **kài** fat: **käi man** fibre: **yai ah-hăhn**

fish: **bplah** flour: **bpêehng**

fruit: **põn-la-mái** - juice: **nám -**

apple: **éehp pêurn** banana: **glûa-i**

coconut: **mápráh-u** grape: **à-ngùn**

guava: **färàng** jackfruit: **kanün**

lemon/lime: **mánah-u** lichee: **lin jii**

longan: **lam yai** mango: **má-mûang**

mangosteen: **mang-kút**

melon: **keehntaluup** nut: **tùa** orange: **sôm**

papaya: **málágör** peach: **pich**

pineapple: **sáp-bpàrót**

pomelo: **sôm oh** rambutan: **ngór**

watermelon: **dteehng moh**

honey: **náhm pêung** ice cream: **ai-sakriüm**

jam: **yam** lunch: **ah hăhn tiāng**

meat: **néur** minced-: **néur bòt**

beef: **néur wua** chicken: **gài** duck: **bpèht**

lamb: **néur gèeh** pork: **műu**

menu: **rah-i gahn ah hăhn, mehnuu**

## kam nahm - ah-hăhn

noodle: **gûa-i dtíau**  
nut: **tùa** almond: **al-morn**  
cashew nut: **má-mûang himaphan**  
chestnut: **gaulàt** peanuts: **tùa lisong**  
oil: **nám man** rice: **kâh-u**  
salad: **sàlât pàk** sausages: **sâi gòrk**  
sea-food: **ah-hăhn ta-leh**  
crab: **puu** lobster: **gûng lòrp dter**  
octopus: **bplah mèurk yák**  
oyster: **hôr-i-nang-rom** shellfish: **hôr-i**  
shrimp: **gûng** squid: **plah mèurk**  
soup: **chúp** tofu: **tdâu-hùú**  
utensils: **kréurng ah-hăhn**  
bottle: **kùat** -opener: **tíi - bpèurt kùat**  
bowl: **chahm** chopsticks: **dtà giáp**  
corkscrew: **lèhk kái-jùk kùat** cup: **tùa-i**  
dish/plate: **jahn** fork: **sôrm**  
frying pan: **grátában** glass: **gêeh-u**  
jar: **heyeürk** knife: **mít** ladle: **grabuai**  
peeler: **mít bpork**  
saucepan: **grátá** scissors: **gangai**  
sieve: **grächorn** turner, fish slice: **dtaliu**  
spoon: **chórn** toothpick: **mái jím fan**  
towel: **pâh** tissue: **gràdàht- chamrá**  
vegetables: **pàk**

## kam nahm - ah-hăhn

asparagus: **nòr máí- faràng**  
bamboo shoots: **nòr máí**  
bean: **tùa** bell pepper: **prík yuàk**  
cabbage: **pàk gálàm**  
carrot: **húa pàkgáht deehng**  
cauliflower: **dòrk gálàm**  
celery: **kéun chíai** corn: **kâh-u pôht**  
cucumber: **dteehng gwa**  
eggplant: **mákéur yah-u**  
lettuce: **pàk gáht** mushroom: **hèht**  
onion: **húa hòrm** pea: **tùa**  
potato: **man faràng** pumpkin: **fák torng**  
radish: **húa pàkgáht** spinach: **pàk kóm**  
spring onion: **dtôn hòrm**  
tomato: **mákéur têht**  
watercress: **pàk ràchèht**  
wheat: **kâh-u sâhlîi** yogurt: **yoh-gèrt**

house and furniture: bâhn léh feha-nijer  
air conditioner: krêung bprâp-ah-gâht  
armchair: gâu-ii tâu kêehn  
ashtray: tîi kia bùrii balcony: ra biang  
bathroom/toilet: hôrng náhm  
bathtub: àhng àhp nám bed: dtiang norn  
bedside table: dtóh kâhng dtiang  
bedroom: hôrng norn blanket: pâh hòm  
bookcase: dtûu nâng sêur carpet: prom  
ceiling: peh dan chair: gâu-ii  
chest of drawers: dtûu línhák  
clock: nahrigah cooker: dtau  
curtain: mâhn cushion: bòr  
desk: dtóh kian nâng-seûr door: bprâdtuu  
drawer: línhák fan: pát lom  
freezer: dtûu chêeh kêehng  
garden: súan guitar: gii-tâh  
hair dryer: tîi bpàu póm hall: hôrng tohng  
iron: kr rüit ironing board: tîi rorng rüit  
kitchen: hôrng krua  
kitchen sink: àhng láhng jahn  
lamp: kôhm fai light: sêhng fai  
lightbulb: lôrd fai loudspeaker: lam pohng  
microwave: dtau maikrohwéhp  
mirror: grâjòk ornament: krêung bprâdáp

painting: jitragam  
piano: bpiano picture: pâhp  
pillow: mörn pillowcase: bpòrk mörn  
plug (electric): bplâk (fai fâh)  
printer: kreûrng pim radio: wittâyú  
refridgerator: dtûu yen roof: lâng-kah  
room: hôrng sheet: pèehn  
shelf: hîng shower: fâk bua  
sideboard: dtûu gêhp chórñ sôrm  
socket: dtâu ráp fai fâh  
sofa: gâu-ii nuam stairs: ban dai  
storage cupboard: dtûu gêhp körng  
switch: sa-wit table: dtóh  
tap: górk nám telephone: toh-rasap  
TV: toh-ratát toilet: hôrng nám  
wall: panâng wallhanging: kwéehn panâng  
wardrobe: dtûu sêur pâh  
washbasin: àhng láhng nâh  
washing machine: krêurng sák pâh  
window: nâh dtâhng

## kam nahm - gòt măh-i lĕh săhn

law and law court: **gòt măh-i lĕh săhn**

attack: **g johm dtii** blackmail: **blehkmeħ**

bribe: **sĭnbon** bribery: **gahn gin sĭnbon**

burglary: **gahn lák kamoh-i**

contract: **năngs ur s nyah**

corruption: **kor-rapchan**

crime: ** hchan hgam**

criminal: ** hchan hg t**

divorce: **gahn y h r hng**

drug: **y h pit g tm h-i**

drunken driving: **mau l eh-u k p**

embezzlement: **gahn y k y rk**

fine: **k h b pr p** fraud: **gahn l rk luang**

grievous bodily harm:

**tam rah-i r hng gah-i s h-h t**

guilt: **dtr h-b hp** innocence: **k boris t**

judge: **p u pi p hks h** jury: **kan  l uk k n**

kidnapping: **gahn l kp h dtua**

marriage: **gahn dt ehng ngahn**

murder: **gahn k h dtagam** prison: **k k**

punishment: **gahn long t ht** rape: **k mk un**

reckless driving: **k p r t doh-i pr m ht**

robbery: **johngam** sentence: **pr y hk**

speeding: **gahn r hng** theft: **gahn kamoh-i**

witness: **pa-y hn**

## kam nahm - w ts d u l h kre rng meur

materials and tools:

**w ts d u l h kre rng meur**

made of: **tam mah j hk ...**

air: **ahg ht** axe: **kw hn** brush: **preehng-**

chisel: **siu** clay: **din n au** cloth: **p h**

cotton: **p h f h-i** drill: **s w hn** gas: **g ht**

glass: **g eh-u** glue: **gah-u** gold: **g eh-u**

hammer: **k rn** ice: **n m k ehng** iron: **l hk**

leather: **n ng** liquid: **k rng l eh-u**

metal: **loha** nail: **dt -bp u** needle: **k m**

oil: **n m man** paint: **s i** paper: **gr d t **

plastic: **plahs-dtic** pliers: **kiim**

rope: **che rk** saw: **lia-y**

scissors: **gangai** screw: **dt bp u-kuang**

screwdriver: **l hk-k i kuang** silk: **m i**

silver: **ngern** solid: **k rng k ehng**

steel: **l hk gl h** stone: **h n** string: **che rk**

tape: **t hp gah-u** thread: **d h-i**

water: **n hm** wood: **m i** wool: **k n-g eh**

## kam nahm - kon lēh ah-chīip

people and occupation: **kon lēh ah-chīip**

accountant: **nák bahnchii**

actor: **nák sâdeehng** artist: **sînla bpin**

aunt: **bpâh** baby: **dèhk òrn**

boss: **jâu nahi** boy: **dèhk chah-i**

brother: **phii<sup>1</sup>/nórng<sup>2</sup> chah-i**

business man: **nák túrágít** child: **dèhk**

chef/cook: **kon tam ah-hähn**

civil servant: **kâh-râht gahn pon reuan**

clerk: **sèhmian** co-worker: **rûám ngán**

dad: **pôr** daughter: **lûuk sâh-u**

doctor: **môr** driver: **kon kâp rót**

employer: **nah-i jâhng**

employee: **lûuk jâhng** enemy: **sàd-dtruu**

engineer: **wítsâwá-gorn**

family: **krôrp krua** farmer: **chau-nah**

father: **pôr, bi dah** father-in-law: **pôr dtah**

female: **pêht yîng** fiancé: **kûu mân**

friend: **pêurn** girl: **dèhk yîng**

grandfather: **bpùu** grandmother: **yâh**

<sup>1</sup>older, <sup>2</sup>younger

## kam nahm - kon lēh ah-chīip

housewife: **mêeh-bâhn**

husband: **sâhmii** laborer: **gammagorn**

lawyer: **tanah-i-kwahm** male: **pêht chah-i**

man: **pûu chah-i** mechanic: **châng**

monk: **prá** mother: **mêeh**

musician: **nák don-trii**

nobody: **mâi mii krai** nurse: **payahbahn**

office worker: **sâmnák- ngahn**

policeman: **dtam-rúat** priest: **lúang pôr**

retired person: **kon kehsian**

sailor: **gâlah-siî reur** secretary: **lehkâh**

sister: **nák rórg** sister: **phii<sup>1</sup>/nórng<sup>2</sup> sâh-u**

soldier: **tá-hähn** somebody: **krai kon**

son: **lûuk chah-i** stepfather: **pôr liang**

student: **nák rian** teacher: **kruu**

tourist: **nák tông tiao** uncle: **lung**

unemployed person: **kon wâhng-ngahn**

wife: **parayah, mia** woman: **pûu-yîng**

possessions : sáp sõmbàt

address: **tíi yùu**

alarm clock: **nahligah bpùk**

bag: **túng** (hand-) **gràbpău těu**

ballpoint pen: **bpàhk gah lûuk lêurn**

book: **năng sěur** brief-case: **grà-bpău**

camera: **glôrng tâh-i rûup**

cigarette: **burii** - lighter: **r**

computer (laptop): **(noht buk) computer**

condom: **túng yahng**

cosmetics: **kréung sám-ahng**

credit card: **bât krehdit**

dictionary: **pótjanah nûgrom**

envelope: **sorng jòt măh-i**

jewellery: **kréurng-bprâdâp**

bracelet: **gam lai-meur**

brooch: **kéhm glàt** ear-ring: **dtâhng húu**

necklace: **sôry kor** ring: **wéehn**

engagement-: **-mân/ dtèehng ngahn**

job: **ngahn** key: **gun-jeeh** letter: **jòt măh-i**

lipstick: **lîp-sà-dtik** luggage: **gràbpău**

map: **péehn tíi** city map: **-meurng**

matches: **mái kiit fai**

mobile phone: **meur těur**

money: **ngern, sàdtahng** cash: **ngern sòt**

banknote: **tanabât** coins: **rían**

currency: **khah ngern dtah**

name: **chêur** forename: **chêur jing**

namecard: **nahm bât**

nickname: **chêur lêhn**

surname: **nahm sakun**

novel: **náwániyah-i**

passport: **năng sěur deurng tahng**

pen: **bpàhk gah** pencil: **din sôr**

perfume: **nám hõrm**

purse: **gràpău sàdtahng**

razor (-blade): **(bpai) miit gohn**

receipt: **bai sèht ráp-ngern**

reservation: **g jorng** secret: **k láp**

shampoo: **yâh sâk póm** soap: **sabùu**

spectacles: **wéehn dtah** stamp: **su-dteehm**

suitcase/ luggage: **grà-bpău dern tahng**

tampon: **kôr-tèehk** ticket: **dtua**

toothbrush/paste: **bpreehng/yah sîi fan**

torch: **fai châh-i** towel: **pâh**

wallet: **sorng tíi** umbrella: **rôm**

washing powder: **põngsák-fôrk**

wristwatch: **nahligah-kôr meur**

religion and politics:

sàht-sànăh lèh gahn meurng

agnostic: māi-chêur rîang prá jâu

atheist: chêur māi mûi prá jâu

ballot: bât long káneehn

belief: kwahm chêur

Buddhism: sàht-sanăh pút

cabinet: kánárát mondtrii

Christianity: sàht-sanăh krít

colony: âhnâh níkom

communis-t/m: lát tí-korm-miunít

Confucianism: lát tí korng kongjii

congress: rátsápâh

conservative: lát tí jahrüüt níyom

coup d'etat: rátpráh n

democracy: bprâchah-típadtai

demonstration: gahn chumnum tahng

devil: piisâht dictatorship: ehkatípdta

election: gahn lêurk dtâng

god: prá jâu government: ráttabahn

heaven: sàw n hell: nar k

Hinduism: sàht-sanăh hinduu

independence: kwahm pen it-s r 

Islam: sàht-sanăh it salahm

Judaism: l t-t  yiu judiciary: dt l hgahn

king: nai luang, kasatri

kingdom: ah-nah j k

manifesto: gahn pr g ht

minister: r tt montrii ministry: gr suang

monarchy: r tt s p h

opinion poll: b ehp samr ut k t h hn

paradise: s ukahud i parliament: r tt s p h

parliamentarian: s m ch k r tt s p h

political party: p k-gahn meurng

politician: n k gahn meurng

president: bpr tahna t bordii

prime minister: nah-y k r tt montrii

propaganda: gahn k hs n h chuan ch ur

queen: pra rahchinii

republic: s htah ran r t

referendum: prach h m d t 

revolution: gahn p dt w t riot: jal h n

socialism: s ngk m n yom

social-democrat: s ngk m prach h t p dtai

terrorism: l t t  gor gahn r ahi

vote: l urk, woht siang

kam nahm - weh-lah lēh beur

time and numbers: **weh-lah lēh beur**

century: **sòt-wát** decade: **tót-wát**

day: **wan** all/every day: **táng/ túk wan**

Sunday: **wan ahtít** Monday: **wan jan**

Tuesday: **wan angkahn**

Wednesday: **wan pút**

Thursday: **wan páréuhàt**

Friday: **wan sùk** Saturday: **wan sao**

morning: **dtorn cháo** afternoon: **dtorn bài**

evening: **dtorn yen** night: **dtorn kâm**

today: **wan níi** tonight: **keurn níi**

yesterday/day before: **mêu-wahn níi/seur**

tomorrow: **prûng níi**

day after -: **mareun níi**

future: **a-nah-kót** half: **krêung**

hour: **châa mohng** minute: **nah tii**

kam nahm - weh-lah lēh beur

month: **deurn** last: **-tii léeh-u** next -: **-nâh**

January: **mókgarah kom**

February: **gumpah pan**

March: **miinah kom** April: **mehsăh yon**

May: **préut-sàpah kom**

June: **mítùnah yon**

July: **gàrákgàdah kom**

August: **síng-hăh kom**

September: **ganyah yon**

October: **dtúlah kom**

November: **préut sàjigah yon**

December: **tanwah kom**

kam nahm - weh-lah lēh beur

number: **beur** even - **kūu** odd- **kīi**  
 0: **sūun** 1: **nèung** 2: **sörng** 3: **sähm**  
 4: **sii** 5: **hâh** 6: **hòk** 7: **jèt** 8: **bpèeh**  
 9: **gâu** 10: **sip** 11: **sip-èt** 12: **sip-sörng**  
 13: **sip-sähm** 14: **sip-sii** 15: **sip-hâh**  
 16: **sip-hòk** 17: **sip-jèt** 18: **sip-bpèeh**  
 19: **sip-gâu** 20: **yii-sip** 30: **sähm-sip**  
 40: **sii-sip** 50: **hâh-sip** 60: **hòk-sip**  
 70: **jèt-sip** 80: **bpèeh-sip** 90: **gâu-sip**  
 100: **rór-i** 500: **hâh rór-i** 1,000: **pan**  
 10<sup>5</sup>: **säen** 10<sup>6</sup>: **láhn**

first: **tii nèung** second: **tii sörng**  
 once: **nèung kráng** twice: **sörng kráng**  
 3/4: **sähm nai sii** 4/5: **sii nai hâh**  
 20%: **rór-i la yii-sip** 60%: **rór-i la hòk-sip**  
 past: **adiit** present: **bpât jùban**  
 season: **réduuu** dry -: -léehng wet -: -föñ  
 spring: **-bai mai plii** summer: **-rórñ**  
 autumn: **-bai mai rûang** winter: **-nâhu**  
 second: **wí-nah-tii**  
 sunrise/set: **práahít kêun/dtòk**  
 time: **weh-lah** (on-): **dtrong weh-lah**

kam nahm - weh-lah lēh beur



week: **ah-tít** weekend: **sao ah-tít**  
 year: **bpíi** last: **-tîi léeh-u** next -: **-nâh**

## kam nahm - gahn kǒnsòng

transport: **gahn kǒnsòng**

aeroplane: **krêurng bin** airport: **sanăhm bin**

ambulance: **rót payahbahn**

bicycle: **jäkråyahnh** boat: **reur léhk**

bus: **rót meh** - station: **sàtăhnii** - stop: **pah-i**

car: **rót yon** crossroads: **sii yêhk**

direction: **tít tahng**

distance: **ráyá tahng** harbour: **tâh reur**

helicopter: **heli-kopteu**

motorbike: **rót mórsai**

railway: **rahng rót fai**

railway station: **sàtăh-nii rót fai**

road: **tànõn** ship: **reur**

traffic: **gahn jàrähjon**

- accident: **ùbà-dtihèht**

- jam: **rót dtit** - lights: **fai jàrähjon**

- rules: **got jàrähjon**

train: **rót fai** tram **rót rang**

truck **rót ban-túk**

underground: **rót fai dtâi din van: rót dtúu**

## kam nahm - ah-gàht / gahn kian

weather: **ah-gàht** - forecast: **pá-yah-gon** -

air pressure: **kwahm got ah-gàht**

cloud: **mêhk** fog: **mòrk** hail: **lûuk-hèhp**

ice: **nám këehng** lightning: **sái fáh**

rain: **fõn** snow: **himá** storm: **pah-yú**

sunshine: **dèeht** temperature: **unna hapuum**

thunder: **fáh rórng**

typhoon: **pâhyuu dtâifùn** wind: **lom**

writing and punctuation:

**gahn kian léh wâat dtorn**

accent: **nén siang** alphabet: **dtua àksón**

capital letter: **dtua pim yài**

chapter: **bòt tñi** colon: **mahàp pâhk kûu**

comma: **jula pâhk**

exclamation mark: **krêurng mäh-i àtrii**

full stop: **yut pâhk** letter: **dtua pim**

paragraph: **yòr nâh** parenthesis: **wong lép**

question mark: **krêurng mäh-i kam tâhm**

semi-colon: **àt pâhk** sentence: **bpràyòhk**

space: **chôrng wâhng** word: **kam**

## kam bùp pàbòt

### prepositions: kam bùp pàbòt

above: **bon** across: **kâhm**

after: **lăng** against: **dtòr dtâhn** at: **tii**

among: **nai ráwâhng**

before **gòrn** behind: **kâhng lăng**

below: **dtai, lâhng** beside: **kâhng**

between: **ráwâhng** during: **ráwâhng tii**

for: **sám-ràp** from: **jâhk** in: **nai**

in front of: **nah** inside: **bpai nai**

near: **glai** next to: **dtit gáp**

of: **körng** on: **bon** opposite: **dtrong kâhm**

out: **nôrk, òrk** outside: **kâhng nôrk**

since: **dtâng dtéeh** through: **pâhn**

to: **téung** toward: **pai tang** under: **dtâi**

until: **jongràtâng** with: **gáp**

without: **bprâht sâjâhk**

## kam tâhm

### questions: kam tâhm

how? **yâhng rai?** how long? **glai tâu râi?**

how many/much? **tâu râi?**

what? **àrai?** which (one)? **annâi?**

when? **mêur râi?**

where? **tii nái?** where to: **pai tii nái?**

from where: **jâhk nái** who? **krai**

why? **tâm mai?**

question general?? **mái?**

kam gàriyah - agree / choose

verb: kam gàriyah

agree: **dtòk long** answer: **dtòrp wâh**  
arrive: **mah téung** ask: **tähm** - for: **kor**  
avoid: **liik liang** be: **bpehn** be born: **gèrt**  
be called: **tùuk riâk** become: **glai bpen**  
behave: **já-mii** believe: **chêur**  
borrow: **kör yeurm** bring: **au ... mah**  
buy: **seur** call: **riak (wâh)**  
can: **dâi** choose: **lêurk**

for past **dai** before the verb,  
for future **ja** before the verb  
for present continuous **gamlang** before  
and/or **yùu** after the verb

kam gàriyah - clean / dance

clean: **tam sa-aht** close: **bpìt**  
come: **mah** - back: **glàp mah**  
complain: **bòn** confirm: **yeurn yan**  
congratulate: **kör sà-deehng kwahm yin dii**  
concentrate on: **fák fâi**  
cook: **bprung ahhähn**  
bake: **bpang** boil: **dtôm** fry: **tôrt/pât**  
grill: **yâhng** roast: **òp** steam: **neung**  
cry (weep): **rórng-hâi** dance: **dtêhn ram**

kam gàriyah - decide / forgive

decide: **dtât-sín jai**

die: **dtah-i** discuss: **sõn-tanah dtôh dtòrp**

divorce: **yâh** do: **tam** dream: **fân**

drink: **dêurrm** drive: **káp rót** dry: **hêehng**

eat: **gin, tahn** expect: **kâht wâh**

explain: **âtí-bah-i** fall: **dtok** feel: **rúu-sèuk**

find: **jer, hăh, pôp** finish: **sèht, jôp**

forget: **leum** forgive: **yók toht hâi**

kam gàriyah - get / look

get: **au** get up: **yeun keun** give: **hâi**

go: **bpai** go back: **gláp (bpai)**

happen: **gèurt kêurn** hate: **gliat** have: **mii**

help: **chûa-i** hope to: **wäng**

ignore: **mái sài jai**

imagine: **jindtâ- nahgahn**

improve: **dii kêun** include: **pragorn duai**

intend: **dtang jai** joke: **pût lêhn**

know/ know how to: **rúu, rúu jàk, sâhp**

laugh: **húa rór** learn: **rian**

like: **chôrp** live: **yùu** listen: **fang**

look: **duu, mornng** - after: **duu leeh**

- at: **duu tii** - for: **(mornng) hăh**

- forward to: **wang wah ja**

- like: **duu měurn**

## kam gàriyah - lose / regret

lose: **hăh-i** (game) **pâh-i** péeh  
(lose way): **lăng tahng** love: **rák**  
make: **tam** - a mistake: **kwahm pít**  
marry: **dtèehng ngahn** mean: **bpleeh**  
meet: **póp** must: **dtôrng**  
must not: **dtôrng mây**  
need: **dtôrng gahn** open: **bpèurt**  
pay: **jài** play: **lêhn** perform: **krâtam**  
practice: **fèurk hât** prepare: **dtriام**  
promise: **sân-yaa** pronounce: **ork siang**  
put: **sài ahng** -on: **súam sài**  
rain: **fón dtok** read: **âhn**  
recommend: **náe-nam**  
refuse: **bpâdtiséht** regret: **sia jai**

## kam gàriyah - remember / take

remember: **jam dâi**  
rent: **châu** repair: **sôrm** return: **gláp**  
rise (get up): **dtêun** run: **wîng**  
say: **bòrk wâh** search: **kón kôr muun**  
see: **hêhn** seem: **duu meurn** sell: **käh-i**  
should: **kuan jà** sing: **rórng plehng**  
sleep: **norn lâp** smell: **glin** smile: **yím**  
smoke: **sùup** snow: **himá dtok**  
speak: **pûut** start: **reurm** stop: **yùt**  
study: **rian** succeed: **kwahm sám-rèht**  
swim: **wâh-i nám**  
take:- **au** - off **tòrt òrk**  
- with au ... **bpai**

## kam gàriyah - teach / write

teach: **sōrn** telephone: **toh-rasàp**

think: **kít** touch: **jàp**

translate: **bpleeh** trust: **wâi jai**

try: **payayahm, lorng duu**

turn (l/r): **líau** (on): **bpèut** (off): **bpìt**

understand: **kâu jai** use: **chái**

visit: **yîam, tîau** wait: **ror**

walk: **deurn** wake (up): **plùk**

want: **yàhk, dtorn gahn, au**

wash: **láhng, sák pah, ahp-nám**

win: **cha-ná** work: **tam ngahn**

worry: **hùang** write: **kian**

# Proverbs Sùpahsìt

thai example - translation

- english example

**au mápráu hua bpai kăh-i sŭan** - take coconuts go sell garden - carry coals to Newcastle

**au meur súk hiip** - stick hand cane press - put one's foot in it

**au hŭu bpai nah, au dtah bpai râi** - take ears to paddy field, take eyes to plantation - to turn a blind eye

**bpàhk hĕn gràrôrk rêng gòhng nâhmái** - before see squirrel draw bow - count one's chickens before they are hatched

**bpàhk bprahsai nám, jai chêuat kor** - mouth speech water, mind cut throat - honey tongue, heart of gall

**bpàhk wâh dtah kă-yìp** - mouth talk eyes wink - practice what you preach

**bpit torng lăng prá** - apply gold leaf back Buddha - do good by stealth

**tplah dtah-i nám dtéun** - fish die water  
shallow - a fish out of water

**cháh bpehn gahn, nahñ bpehn kun** - slow  
is achievement, long time is advantage - haste  
makes waste

**cháhng peúrk gért nai bpàh** - elephant  
white (taro) born in jungle - a genius is  
born, not made

**chúa jèt tii, dii jèt hõn** - bad seven times,  
good seven times - every cloud has a silver  
lining

**dái yàhng sǐa yàhng** - get something, broken  
something - can't make omelette without  
breaking eggs

**dtai prachót bpàhcháh** - die irony cemetery  
- cut off one's nose to spite one's face

**dtàt fai dtôn lom** - cut off fire begin wind - a  
stitch in time saves nine

**dtòk nám mài lǎi, dtòk fai mài mài** - fall  
water not flow, fall fire not burn - land on  
your feet

**duu nahng hai duu mèeh** - look girl, give  
look mother - like mother, like daughter

**duu tit tahng lom** - look at direction wind -  
look before you leap

**fang húu wái húu** - listen ear do ear - take  
with a pinch of salt

**giriyah bòrk dtraguun** - manner tells birth  
- manners maketh the man

**glàp bâan gào** - return home old - pass away

**grà-dtàh-i dtéun dtuum** - rabbit startled by  
boom - make a mountain out of a molehill

**jàp dâi, kah năng kah kău** - catch can,  
clearly - caught red-handed

**kâhng nôrk súksai kâhng nai bpehn prohng**  
- outside glitters inside hollow - all that glitters  
is not gold

**kâu meurng dtah liu, hái liu dtah dtahm** -  
enter town eye wink, give wink eye do - when  
in Rome, do as the Romans do

**kii cháhng jap dtakadteehn** - ride elephant  
catch grasshopper - to use a sledgehammer  
to crack a nut

**kwăhn pàh sâhk** - axe split wood - call a  
spade a spade

**kon ngahm prór dtèehng** - *person pretty because dressed up - fine feathers make fine birds*

**lahng néur chôrp, lahng yah** - *some meat like, some medicine - one man's meat is another man's poison*

**lêhn gap sâhk, sâhk dtii húa** - *play with pestle, pestle hit head - familiarity breeds contempt*

**lôhp mâhk lâhp hăh-i** - *greed much, windfall lost: - kill the goose that lays the golden eggs*

**lûuk mái lòn mây glai dtôn** - *fruit not fall far from tree - like father, like son*

**mâhk mor mâhk khwahm** - *many doctors, many cases - too many cooks spoil the broth*

**mây dâi dûai mon, gôr ao dûai kahtâh** - *not can with prayer; also get with spell - by hook or by crook*

**mái gèeh dtât yâhk** - *tree old bend hard - hard to teach an old dog tricks*

**mái glai fàng** - *tree near river-bank - have one foot in the grave*

**mái mii muun fõr-i, măh mây kîi** - *not have rubbish, dog not defecate - there is no smoke without fire*

**meeh-u mây yùu nûu râh reurng** - *cat not home mouse happy - when the cat's away, the mice will play*

**nahdtâhng mii hûu, bprà-dtuu mii chôrng** - *windows have ears, doors have holes - walls have ears*

**nâhm yôrk au nâhm bòng** - *thorn prick use thorn take - like cures like*

**nám kêuun hâi riip dtâk** - *water rises, give hurry take - make hay while the sun shines*

**nám chiýau yâh kwâhng reur** - *water turbulent don't steer boat - don't paddle against the stream*

**ngom kěm nai mahâhsàmùt** - *dive needle in ocean - like looking for a needle in a haystack*

**nǐi sœur bpà joràkêh** - *escape tiger, meet crocodile* - out of the frying-pan into the fire

**nók nór-i tam rang dtéeh por dtua** - *bird small make nest but enough body* - cut your coat according to your cloth

**pêurn gin hăh ngâh-i, pêurn dtah-i hăh yâhk** - *friend eat find easy, friend die find difficult* - friend in need is a friend indeed

**plah dtua diau yah-u měhn mótt táng kôrng** - *fish body one makes smelly whole catch* - one rotten apple spoils the whole barrel

**ram mây dii, tôht bpìi tôht glorng** - *dance not good, blame flute blame drum* - a bad workman blames his tools

**riit lêurt jâhk bpuu** - *squeeze blood from a crab* - get blood from a stone

**rúu yâhng bpèt** - *know like duck* - Jack of all trades, master of none

**sip bâa glâi meur** - *ten cowrie shells near hand* - a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush

**sörn jorakêh hâi wâh-i nám** - *teach crocodile swim* - teach grandmother to suck eggs

**tâo húa nguu** - *old head snake* - dirty old man  
**tii lôrt dtah châng, hâhng lôrt dtah len**  
- *little escape eye elephant, big escape eye mite* - penny wise and pound foolish

**túp môr kâo** - *smash rice pot* - take the bread out of one's mouth

**wan prá mây mii hón diau** - *day holy not have happen once* - every dog has his day

**wâh dtéeh kao, i-não bpen ehng** - *speak blame he, I-nao does himself* - pot calling the kettle black

**wua hăh-i lorm kork** - *cattle lost enclose stall* - its too late to shut the stable door after the horse has bolted

**yâh jâp plah söng meur** - *don't catch fish (with)two hands* - you cannot have your cake and eat it

**yâh ching suk gorn hahm** - *don't compete for ripe before almost ripe* - early ripe, early rotten

## sùpahsìt

**yàh dtii dton bpai gòrn kâi** - *don't beat before fever:* cross the bridge when you get to it

**yàh fun for-i hah dtakhehp** - *don't disturb rubbish looking for centipede* - let sleeping dogs lie

**yàh pàt wan bpràgan prûng** - *don't delay today insurance tomorrow* - never put off to tomorrow what can be done today

**yàh säh-u sai hâi gah gin** - *don't pull out intestines give crow eat* - to wash dirty linen in public

**ying tii diau, dâi nök sôrng dtua** - *fire shot onlyone, can bird two bodies* - kill two birds with one stone

**yórm mee-h-u kăh-i** - *dye cat sell* - you cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear

**yûn gêeh-u hăh-i wahnon** - *hand crystal give monkey* - cast pearls before swine

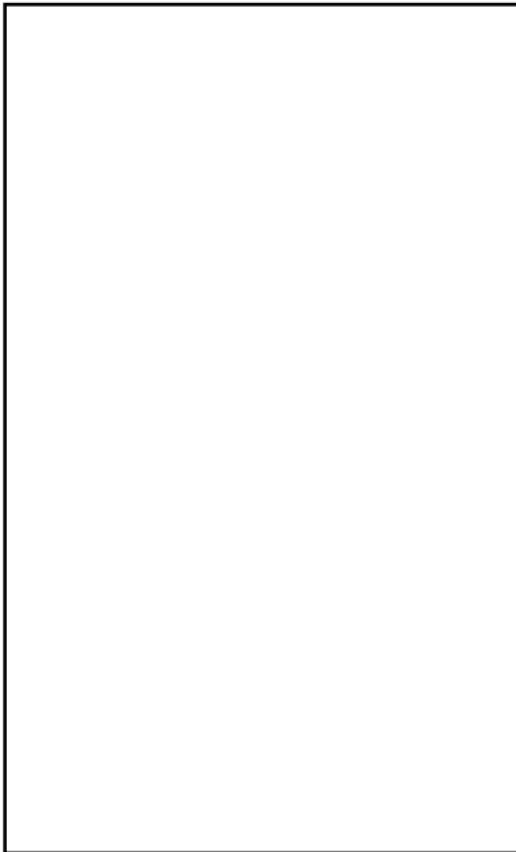
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notes - addresses: **banteúk - tîi yùu**

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Essential grammar Wayagorn jam bpehn

Pronouns: **sàp pa nahm**

I = me (male) **pōm** (female) **chān**, **dī-chān**  
you: **kun** (polite): **tāhn** (lovers): **teur**  
he/she = him/her: **kău** it: **man**  
we = us: **rau** they = them: **kău**  
my **kōrng pōm** our **kōrng rau**

Adjectives: **kam** **kun** **nasàp**

**big** **yài** - bigger **yài gwàh** - biggest **yài tūi sùt**

## Verbs: kam ḡariyah

Do: tam Not: māi Not do: māi tam

#### Ongoing: **gamlang tam**

Completed: tam láeh-u

Past: **dâj tam** Future: **ja tam**

Be: hnehn Have there is: mii

Must dtôrng Need dtôrng gahn

Want/would like: **vàhk** (jà)

Like/enjoy: chōrn

Ought to/should: nāh/khuan jià

Can/be able to: **dâi/hnehp/wai**

Questions: **mă?** makes a question

**chăi măi?** asks for confirmation

**rěu?** asks 'or?'   **rěu pláu?** asks 'or not?'

Jéeh-ii rěe yang? asks 'already or not?'

Numbers	Beur	0: s̥uŋ
1: n̥eung	11: s̥ip-èt	21: yii-sip-èt
2: s̥örng	12: s̥ip-s̥örng	20: yii-sip
3: s̥ähm	13: s̥ip-s̥ähm	30: s̥ähm-s̥ip
4: sii	14: s̥ip-sii	40: sii-sip
5: hâh	15: s̥ip-hâh	50: hâh-sip
6: hòk	16: s̥ip-hòk	60: hòk-sip
7: jèt	17: s̥ip-jèt	70: jèt-sip
8: bp̥eht	18: s̥ip-bp̥eht	80: bp̥eht-sip
9: gâu	19: s̥ip-gâu	90: gâu-sip
10: s̥ip	20: yii-sip	100: rór-i 1,000: pan 10 <sup>5</sup> : s̥äen 10 <sup>6</sup> : láhn

## Important signs **Sanyalak sāmkan**

ຄົ້ນຕຽມ ຂອດລາຍລະອຽດ

អំពីការបានចូលទៅក្នុងការងារ។

អ៊ូរុបការមួយទេ | hâhm tâh-i rûup

No photographs

ห้ามสูบบุหรี่ **hâhm sùup** : No smoking

so sánh với các bài

## WINDS | tahng kau: ent

ທ່ານອອກ **tahng ork**: exit

ທ່າງອອກຈຸດກເນັນ

emergency exit

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