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Lesson 31: Can I Take Your Picture?

ขอถ่ายรูปได้ไหมคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

In this lesson, we'll introduce a question related to, "Can you take my picture?" which is Thai is "Tai Roop Hai Noi Dai Mai?" However, there are cases when you may want to take a picture of someone or with someone, but before doing do, you'd like to ask for permission.

In Thai, "May I take your picture?", for women is "Khor Tai Roop Dai Mai Ka?" and for men "Khor Tai Roop Dai Mai Krup". The first word "Khor" means "May" or "Asking for", followed by "Tai Roop" which means "taking picture" as we already learnt in the previous lesson. The next word "Dai Mai" means "Can?" as asking a question. Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase "May I take your picture?"

Now, again, you may notice that I didn't add "You" anywhere in this phrase. That's because this phrase indicate by itself already that you'd like to take a picture of "someone". In the same time, you can use this phrase when asking to take picture of something as well. That means the phrase "Khor Tai Roop Dai Mai" also means "May I take picture here?"

There may also be times when you want to take a picture with someone. In this case, you could ask by saying "Khor Tai Roop Duay Dai Mai Ka" for women and "Khor Tai Roop Duay Dai Mai Krup" is for men. Now the phrase is very similar to the phrase we just learnt except that I add the word "Duay" in the middle of the phrase. This word "Duay" means "together". Adding this word make this phrase means "Can I take picture with you?"

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ขอถ่ายรูปได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Khor Tai Roop Dai Mai Ka/ Krup?	May I take (your) picture? (f/ m)
ขอถ่ายรูปด้วยได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Khor Tai Roop Duay Dai Mai Ka/Krup?	Can I take a picture with you? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Some of the place in Thailand is prohibited to take picture such as in certain area of temple or ancient palace. These places are considered sacred for Thai people. Taking photo at those places are considered offensive. It is very considerate if you ask for permission before taking any picture as not only you put someone out of trouble as well as yourself.



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Lesson 32: How Do You Say It In Thai?

ภาษาไทยเรียกสิ่งนี้ว่าอะไรคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to a phrase that will provide you with the tools to learn from the people around. Now, a dictionary is a great idea, but don't forget that you can use Thai to learn in a more fun and interactive way. For today's we're going to need a word, as we're going to cover "How do you say "Something" in Thai?" For today's lesson, let's use "Hungry" for that something.

In Thai, "How do you say "Hungry" in Thai?" is "Kham Wa "Hungry" Pa Sa Thai Khue Ah-Rai?" . The first word "Kham" means "Word", followed by "Wa" which means "Speak" in this phrase. The next word "Pa Sa Thai" means "Thai language", followed by "Khue" which means "Is" and the last word is "Ah-Rai" means "What". Let's recap here. We have "Word" "Speak" "Hungry" which we need to know the word in Thai, "Thai Language" "Is" "What". Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase "How do you say "Hungry" in Thai?"

You can also use this expression without using any English. To accomplish this, you can say "What do you call this in Thai?" In Thai, "What do you call this in Thai?" is "Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Ni Wa Ah-Rai?" . . . The first word "Pa Sa Thai" means "Thai language" as we just learnt. The next word "Riak" means "Call", followed by "Sing Ni" which means "This thing". The next word "Wa" means "Speak" and "Ah-Rai" means "What". Let's recap a little bit. We have "Thai language" "Call" "This thing" "Speak" "What". Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase "What do you call this in Thai?" You may want to sound polite when asking people a question. Therefore, women say "Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Ni Wa Ah-Rai Ka?" . And men say "Pa Ra Thai Riak Sing Ni Wa Ah-Rai Krup?" .

Now with the same phrase, you may replace "Sing Ni" which means "This thing" by "Sing Nan" which means "That thing". That means to say "What do you say that in Thai?" is "Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Nan Wa Ah-Rai?" . Don't forget to be polite by adding "Ka" and "Krup" at the end of the phrase. Therefore, women say "Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Nan Wa Ah-Rai Ka?" . And men say "Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Nan Wa Ah-Rai Krup?" .

You can use this phrase almost on everything. However, this phrase doesn't specify type of things you ask about. Therefore, make sure the person you ask knows which thing you are talking about or else you could end up getting the wrong Thai word!

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
คำว่า "Hungry" ภาษาไทยคืออะไรคะ/ครับ	Kham Wa "Hungry" Pa Sa Thai Khue Ah-Rai Ka/Krup?	How do you say "Hungry" in Thai? (f/m)
ภาษาไทยเรียกสิ่งนี้ว่าอะไรคะ/ครับ	Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Ni Wa Ah-Rai Ka/Krup?	How do you say this in Thai? (f/m)
ภาษาไทยเรียกสิ่งนั้นว่าอะไรคะ/ครับ	Pa Sa Thai Riak Sing Nan Wa Ah-Rai Ka/Krup?	How to say that in Thai? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to a phrase that will provide you with the tools to learn from the people around. Now, a dictionary is a great idea, but don't forget that you can use Thai language to learn in a more fun and interactive way. For today's we're going to need a word, as we're going to cover "How do you read this?"

In Thai, "How do you read this word?" is "Kham Ni Aan Wa Ah-Rai?" . And of course, you want to sound polite when asking people a question Therefore, for women say "Kham Ni Aan Wa Ah-Rai Ka?" and men say "Kham Ni Aan Wa Ah-Rai Krup?" . The first word "Kham" means "Word", followed by "Ni" which means "This". The next word "Aan" means "Read", followed by "Wa" which means "Speak". And the next word "Ah-Rai" means "What" and "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. So we have "Word" "This" "Read" "Speak" "What". Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase "How do you read this word?"

You can say "How do you read that word?" by simply substitute the word "Ni" with "Nan" which means "That". So we have this phrase for women "Kham Nan Aan Wa Ah-Rai Ka?" (PS. And this is for men "Kham Nan Aan Wa Ah-Rai Krup?" .

Thai people often shorten words in a daily conversation. You will hear Thai people say only "Rai" instead of "Ah-Rai" very often. You may do so but I would recommend that you remember the full word and its meaning first then start using the shorten version of it as it will help you learn the language better.



Lesson 33: Write It Down Please

ช่วยเขียนให้หน่อยได้ไหมคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

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Thai people often shorten words in a daily conversation. You will hear Thai people say only "Rai" instead of "Ah-Rai" very often. You may do so but I would recommend that you remember the full word and its meaning first then start using the shorten version of it as it will helps you learn the language better.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ช่วยเขียนให้หน่อยได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Chuay Kian Hai Noi Dai Mai Ka/Krup?	Can you write it down please? (f/m)
ช่วยอ่านให้ฟังได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Chuay Aan Hai Fang Dai Mai Ka/Krup?	Can you pronounce the please? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Beside shorten word, Thai people often twist the pronunciation of the word and make it easier to say. In the phrase I just introduced, the word “Yang-Ghai” which means “How” is twisted from “Yang-Rai” which become a formal written form in Thai language. It is very less likely that someone would say “Yang-Rai” nowadays.

QUICK TIP 2

In today’s lesson we’ll help you check-in! In Thailand, there are many types of accommodation ranks from hotels, motels, service apartment, guest house and many more! One good thing about traveling to Thailand is that you can find accommodation in any place in various price ranks depends on your preference. If you prefer hotel-service accommodation but does not want to pay a whole lot for your long-stay trip, service apartment is a perfect choice. If you want to experience a local lifestyle with a limited budget, guest house is then your perfect choice! However, no matter what kind of accommodation you choose, you need to check-in! Therefore, today’s phrase is “Check-in, please”.

In Thai, we use the English word “Check-in” as a word to say “Check-in” in Thai. Many times we borrow words from English especially in an innovation that is hard to explain by a one or two Thai words. In this case, “Check-in” in Thai is so long and formal that nobody really use it except in a written form. However, when we use English words in Thai, we always add a little Thai. In this case, we add politeness which is “Ka” and “Krup”. Therefore, women say “Check-in Ka” while men say “Check-in Krup”. You can use this phrase upon arrival at the hotel reception counter.

Upon stating the phrase “Check-in please.” you will most likely be asked “Your name please”, which in Thai is “Khor Chue Duay Ka” for women and “Khor Chue Duay Krup” for men. The first word “Khor” means “Ask for” followed by “Chue” means “Name”. The next word “Duay” means “Already” and “Ka” or “Krup” is added to make this phrase more polite. Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase “Your name, please”.

You may also be asked by other similar phrase for your name. The tip is just remember the key word “Chue” which means “Name”.

You may also be asked how to spell your name which in Thai is “Sa-Kot Yang-Ghai?” Of course, hotel staffs will be polite their guest. Therefore, women would say “Sa-Kot Yang-Ghai Ka?” and men would say “Sa-Kot Yang-Ghai Krup?” The first word “Sa-Kot” means “Spell” while “Yang-Ghai” is a speaking word of “Yang-Rai” which means “How”. “Ka” and “Krup” is added to make this phrase more polite. Adding all together, this phrase is literally means “How to spell?”

One good thing is even if you can’t remember this phrase, you are guaranteed to be taken care of in the hotel as it is a basic requirement for hotel staff to be able to speak English at least at a basic level – not only in Bangkok but in Thailand in general.



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Lesson 34: How Do You Read This?

คำนี้อ่านว่าอะไรคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

The word “Hai” means “Give” while “Noi” means little. Combining these two words together into one word means you are asking for the person to do a little favor. There is no fixed grammar on how to use this word. As same as other Thai word, the usage depends on the context itself.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
คำนี้อ่านว่าอะไรคะ/ครับ	Kham Ni Aan Wa Ah-Rai Ka/ Krup?	How do you read this word? (f/m)'
คำนั้นอ่านว่าอะไรคะ/ครับ	Kham Nan Aan Wa Ah-Rai Ka/Krup?	How do you read that word? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Beside shorten word, Thai people often twist the pronunciation of the word and make it easier to say. In the phrase I just introduced, the word “Yang-Ghai” which means “How” is twisted from “Yang-Rai” which become a formal written form in Thai language. It is very less likely that someone would say “Yang-Rai” nowadays.



Lesson 35: Checking In

เช็คอินคะครับ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

Reading and writing in Thai language is way much different than the way it sounds. That's because we have different set of alphabet. It isn't hard as the way it looks. Once you get a chance to learn how to speak Thai, learning how to read and write would contribute to a huge progress.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
เช็คอินคะครับ/ครับ	Check-in Ka/Krup	Check-in please. (f/m)
ขอชื่อด้วยคะ/ครับ	Khor Chue Duay Ka/Krup	Your name please. (f/m)
สะกดอย่างไรคะ/ครับ	Sa-Kot Yang-Rai Ka/Krup?	How do you spell it? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Thailand has so many accommodation to choose from . One comment I always got from my foreign friends is that you can find any accommodation that fit your lifestyle and budget in Thailand. If you prefer a standardized service that you can rely on, goes for chain-hotels. On the other hand, you may choose an individual-owned small boutique hotel that offer high standard but touched with unique design. Guest house is good for those you love to experience local lifestyle with limited budget. You may also consider service-apartment where you can enjoy your long stay without compromising the convenience of services that ripped off your wallet.

QUICK TIP 2

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Lesson 36: More ... Please

เช็คเอาท์ที่โรงแรมคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we'll introduce some more useful phrases for hotels and the like. The first phrase is "What time to check out?" which in Thai is "Check-out Ki Mong Ka?" for women and men say "Check-out Ki Mong Krup?" The first word "Check-out" as you may notice is the English word we borrow. The next word "Ki Mong" means "What time" and "Ka" or "Krup" is added to make the phrase more polite. Altogether, this phrase literally means "What time to check-out?"

And there will be times when you need more of certain things and knowing a certain phrase would help you enjoy the most on your vacation. Let's try asking for more of towels. In Thai, "Can I have some more towels please?" is "Khor Pa-Ched-Tua Perm Dai Mai Ka?" for women and men say "Khor Pa-Ched-Tua Perm Dai Mai Krup?" The first word "Khor" means "Ask for", followed by "Pa-Ched-Tua" which means "Bathroom Towels". The next word "Perm" means "Add more", followed by "Dai Mai" which means "Can" as asking question. Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase "Can I have some more towels please?"

You may use this phrase when asking for some more of other things by replacing the word "Pa-Ched-Dua" with the thing you want. There are a few more words that might come in handy such as "Toothbrush" is "Prang Si Fan". "Toothpaste" is "Ya Si Fan". "Soap" is "Sa-Bu". And "Shampoo" can be said as an English word.

In Thailand, the electrical system is 220 volts with flat blade attachment plug or flat blades with round grounding pin. Therefore, we'll introduce you to crucial phrase for all of you travelers out there who like to bring electrical appliances thousands of miles to die a fiery death in on foreign soil.

In Thai, "Do you have a power converter?" is "Mee Krueng Plaeng Kra-Sae Fai Fa Mai Ka?" for women and men say "Mee Krueng Plaeng Kra-Sae Fai Fa Mai Krup?" The first word "Mee" means "Have", followed by "Krueng Plaeng" which means "Converter". The next word "Kra-Sae Fai Fai" means "Electricity" and the next word "Mai" indicates that this phrase is a question. Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase "Do you have a power converter?"

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
เช็คเอาท์ที่โรงแรมคะ/ครับ	Check-out Ki Mong Ka/Krup?	What time is checkout?

Thai	Romanization	English
ขอผ้าเช็ดตัวเพิ่มได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Khor Pa-Ched-Tua Perm Dai Mai Ka/Krup?	Can I have some more towels please?
มีเครื่องแปลงกระแสไฟฟ้าไหมคะ/ครับ	Mee Krueng Plaeng Kra-Sae Fai Fa Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you have a power converter?

QUICK TIP

Although some hotels might provide power converter in the guest room or upon request, most hotels don't. It might be an idea to ask for the appliance from the front desk rather than asking for a power converter.

QUICK TIP 2

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Lesson 37: Post Office

ส่งไปนิวยอร์กคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

We often see the word “Yu” (อยู่) in Thai phrase. This word means many things from “At”, “Located” “Live” or “Yes!” depends on the content. Often you will hear Thai people say “Yu” as “Yes, I’m here.” on a question like “Are you there?” (Yu Mai?). It also used in a phrase like “I live here” (Di Chan Yu Ti Ni, Phom Yu Ti Ni). Generally this word indicates the location of someone or something.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ส่งไปนิวยอร์กคะ/ครับ	Song Pai New York Ka/Krup	I'd like to send this to New York.

VOCABULARY

Thai	Romanization	English
ไปรษณีย์	Post-Card	postcard
จดหมาย	Chot-Mai	letter
พัสดุ	Pat-Sa-Du	package

QUICK TIP

While most people wouldn't or couldn't step outside without their cell phones, when visiting another country, sometimes it's a little too far for you local carrier. In recent years you can rent a cell phone when you get to Thailand, and we'll cover this in another lesson, but the good old pay phone is still an option when you're traveling anywhere in Thailand. Public phone in Thailand take coins and phone cards. You can buy both domestic-call and international-call phone card mostly at convenience store. And this is going to be our lesson for today.

But before asking for a card, you may want to find out if they have the cards for sell. In Thai, “Do you have a telephone cards for sell?” is “Mee But To-Ra-Sup Khai Mai Ka?” for women while and men say “Mee But To-Ra-Sup Khai Mai Krup?” The first word “Mee” means “Have”, followed by “But” which means “Card”. The next word “To-Ra-Sup” means “Telephone”, followed by “Khai”

means “Sell”. The word “Mai” indicates that this phrase is a question while “Ka” and “Krup” is added to make this phrase more polite. Altogether, this phrase literally means “Do you have a telephone card for sell?”

The answer is either yes or no. So let’s learn how to say “Yes” or “No” from the question we just asked! If they have it for sell, the answer will be “Mee Ka” for women and “Mee Krup” for men. And if they don’t have it for sell, the answer will be “Mai Mee Ka” for women and “Mai Mee Krup” for men. Now we know that “Mee” means “Have” and “Mai” means “Negative”. So “Mee” means “Yes, we have it for sell” while “Mai Mee” means “No, we don’t have it for sell.”

Now you’ll probably also be asked if you want a local or international prepaid phone card. In Thai, “Local or International?” is “Nai Pra-Tet Rue Ra-Wang Pra-Tet?” The word “Nai” means “Inside” while “Pra-Tet” means “Country”. The word “Rue” means “Or” while the next word “Ra-Wang” means “Between” and as we just learnt “Pra-Tet” means “Country”. Therefore, “Nai Pra-Tet Rue Ra-Wang Pra-Tet” means “Local or International?” You can answer by saying either “Nai Pra-Tet” or “Ra-Wang Pra-Tet”.

The price for prepaid phone cards varies. You can find almost any price you’d like from 100 Thai Baht to 2,000 Thai Baht. You can simply ask for the amount you want by saying the number and followed by “Ka” or “Krup” to make it sound polite. For example, if you’d like to purchase a 100 Thai Baht prepaid card, you may say “Nhueng Roi Ka” or “Nhueng Roi Krup”

QUICK TIP 2

Thai often borrows word from English and then uses it as if it is Thai word (i.e., Stamp). Sometime we pronounce it as same as English word (Bank) or sometime we pronounce it with Thai accent (Postcard).



Lesson 38: Post Office 2

อะไรอยู่ในกล่องคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

Exchanging money in Thailand is quite convenient. One can exchange money at airports, banks, hotels or even in the shopping mall, or withdraw money from an ATM. Rates applied when withdrawing money from an ATM are likely to be the best; however, when using an ATM it is advisable to make one large withdrawal as you may be charged by both the local bank and your home one. So first things first, let's find a location that will exchange money.

In Thai, "Is there an ATM nearby?" is "Thaeo Ni Mee Tu ATM Mai?". Let's break it down by syllable . Now let's here is it once again . Don't forget to be polite by adding "Ka" and "Krup" at the end of the phrase. Therefore, women say "Thaeo Ni Mee Tu ATM Mai Ka?" and men say "Thaeo Ni Mee Tu ATM Mai Krup?". The first word "Thaeo Ni" means "This area" or "Nearby", followed by "Mee" which means "Have". The next word "Tu ATM" means "ATM Machine" which is borrowed from English language. The word "Mai" indicates that this phrase is a question while "Ka" and "Krup" are added to make this phrase sounds polite. We have "Nearby" "Have" "ATM" "Question". Or in Thai, "Thaeo Ni Mee Tu ATM Mai?". Adding together, this phrase means "Is there any ATM nearby?"

Now to ask for a bank, we can just replace the word for ATM with bank and the phrase works just fine. "Is there a bank nearby?" is "Thaeo Ni Mee Ta-Na-Karn Mai Ka?" and "Thaeo Ni Mee Ta-Na-Karn Mai Krup?". The only thing that changes is the thing you are looking for. In this case it's "Ta-Na-Karn" which means "Bank". Let's breakdown this word and hear it one more time.

For times when there is neither a bank of an ATM nearby, you can ask "Is there any place to exchange currency nearby?" by replacing the word "ATM" with "Ti-Laek Ngen" which means "place to exchange currency". Let's breakdown this word and hear it one more time.

Exchanging currency is pretty straightforward. (You need to fill out some forms, and then present the amount you want exchanged.) One extremely useful phrase is, "Smaller denominations please." as it is usually beneficial to have smaller amounts of currency on you for paying for the bus fare, taxi fare, etc.

In Thai, "Can I have smaller denomination please?" is "Khor Bank Yoi Dai Mai". Let's break it down by syllable . Now let's here is it once again . Of course, you would want to sound polite when asking this question. Therefore, women say "Khor Bank Yoi Dai Mai Ka?" . And men say "Khor Bank Yoi Dai Mai Krup?". The first word "Khor" means "Ask for", followed by "Bank Yoi"

which means “small banknotes”. The next word “Dai Mai” means “Please” as requesting for something. “Ka” and “Krup” is added to make this phrase more polite. Altogether, this phrase is equivalent to the English phrase “Can I have smaller denominations please?”

Finally, you can also use the phrase “Can I exchange for a smaller denomination please?” to indicate that you would like a smaller amount of the currency. You can say that with the phrase “Khor Bank Yoi Dai Mai” but add the word “Laek” which means “Exchange”. Therefore, to say “Can I exchange for a smaller denomination please?” in Thai is “Khor Laek Bank Yoi Dai Mai Ka?” and “Khor Laek Bank Yoi Dai Mai Krup?”. You can use this phrase anywhere anytime you need to get a smaller banknotes or coins for your next adventure in Thailand.

Now exchanging currency in Thailand is no longer a difficult mission. These phrases, although not short, are pretty much similar with each other so I hope it is easier for you to remember.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
อะไรอยู่ในกล่องคะ/ครับ	Ah-Rai Yu Nai Klong Ka/ Krup?	What's in the box? (f/m)
กรุณากรอกแบบฟอร์มนี้คะ/ครับ	Ka-Ru-Na Krork Baep Form Ni Ka/Krup	Please fill in this form. (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Postal-Service stores are independently owned store that provide the same postal service provided by Thailand Postal Office. You may find these stores located at the shopping mall or supermarket. These stores usually charge you 10% of cost of postage as a service charge. The advantage of these store is they open longer than Thailand Postal Office and in convenient locations. However, the disadvantage is that your packages may be delivered late or if you are in a bad luck – lost. If your package is a valuable or fragile use Thailand Postal Office or Fedex.



Lesson 39: Foreign Exchange

แถวนี้มีตู้เอทีเอ็มไหมคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

Postal-Service stores are independently owned store that provide the same postal service provided by Thailand Postal Office. You may find these stores located at the shopping mall or supermarket. These stores usually charge you 10% of cost of postage as a service charge. The advantage of these store is they open longer than Thailand Postal Office and in convenient locations. However, the disadvantage is that your packages may be delivered late or if you are in a bad luck – lost. If your package is a valuable or fragile use Thailand Postal Office or Fedex.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
แถวนี้มีตู้เอทีเอ็มไหมคะ/ครับ	Thaeo Ni Mee Tu ATM Mai Ka/Krup?	Is there an ATM nearby? (f/m)
แถวนี้มีธนาคารไหมคะ/ครับ	Thaeo Ni Mee Ta-Na-Karn Mai Ka/Krup?	Is there a bank nearby? (f/m)
แถวนี้มีที่แลกเงินไหมคะ/ครับ	Thaeo Ni Mee Ti-Laek Ngen Mai Ka/Krup?	Is there any place to exchange currency nearby?(f/m)
ขอแบงค์ย่อยได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Khor Bank Yoi Dai Mai Ka/Krup?	Can I have smaller denominations please? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

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But before asking for a card, you may want to find out if they have the cards for sell. In Thai, “Do you have a telephone cards for sell?” is “Mee But To-Ra-Sup Khai Mai Ka?” for women while and men say “Mee But To-Ra-Sup Khai Mai Krup?” The first word “Mee” means “Have”, followed by “But” which means “Card”. The next word “To-Ra-Sup” means “Telephone”, followed by “Khai”

means “Sell”. The word “Mai” indicates that this phrase is a question while “Ka” and “Krup” is added to make this phrase more polite. Altogether, this phrase literally means “Do you have a telephone card for sell?”

The answer is either yes or no. So let’s learn how to say “Yes” or “No” from the question we just asked! If they have it for sell, the answer will be “Mee Ka” for women and “Mee Krup” for men. And if they don’t have it for sell, the answer will be “Mai Mee Ka” for women and “Mai Mee Krup” for men. Now we know that “Mee” means “Have” and “Mai” means “Negative”. So “Mee” means “Yes, we have it for sell” while “Mai Mee” means “No, we don’t have it for sell.”

Now you’ll probably also be asked if you want a local or international prepaid phone card. In Thai, “Local or International?” is “Nai Pra-Tet Rue Ra-Wang Pra-Tet?” The word “Nai” means “Inside” while “Pra-Tet” means “Country”. The word “Rue” means “Or” while the next word “Ra-Wang” means “Between” and as we just learnt “Pra-Tet” means “Country”. Therefore, “Nai Pra-Tet Rue Ra-Wang Pra-Tet” means “Local or International?” You can answer by saying either “Nai Pra-Tet” or “Ra-Wang Pra-Tet”.

The price for prepaid phone cards varies. You can find almost any price you’d like from 100 Thai Baht to 2,000 Thai Baht. You can simply ask for the amount you want by saying the number and followed by “Ka” or “Krup” to make it sound polite. For example, if you’d like to purchase a 100 Thai Baht prepaid card, you may say “Nhueng Roi Ka” or “Nhueng Roi Krup”

QUICK TIP 2

It is less likely that the postal officer will be able to speak English in tourist locations. Hotel concierge can help you send packages so ask for assistance if available.



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Lesson 40: Telephone Cards

มีบัตรโทรศัพท์ขายไหมคะ/ครับ

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PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
มีบัตรโทรศัพท์ขายไหมคะ/ครับ	Mee But To-Ra-Sup Khai Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you have telephone cards for sale?
ในประเทศหรือระหว่างประเทศ	Nai Pra-Tet Rue Ra-Wang Pra-Tet?	Local or International?

VOCABULARY

Thai	Romanization	English
ในประเทศ	Nai Pra-Tet	local
ระหว่างประเทศ	Ra-Wang Pra-Tet	International

QUICK TIP

Many different companies in Thailand offer international phone cards. Don't be surprised if you have so much international phone cards to choose from. Most of them offer pretty much the same rates although there are some companies that offer a better rates than others. It is likely that you will find international phone cards easier than domestic phone cards. That's because the invention of cell phones eliminates the need for public phones plus the cost of calling from cell phones is not so expensive in Thailand.

QUICK TIP 2

There are two ways you can use an international phone card. One way is to use a PIN phone card where you receive a PIN number for you to use at any telephone to make a call back to your country. Another way is to purchase a normal international phone card in which can be used only on a public telephone that has an "international call" sign.



Lesson 41: One Please

ตั๋วหนึ่งใบค่ะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

There is so much to do and see in Thailand, and there are times when access to some must-see places requires an admission ticket. So today we're going to work on getting you through the gate, as we'll take a look at buying tickets. In Thai, ticket is "Tua"

In Thai, "One ticket please" is "Tua Nhueng Bai". Don't forget to be polite even to the person at the ticket window. Therefore, women say "Tua Nhueng Bai Ka" and men say "Tua Nhueng Bai Krup". The first word "Tua" means "Ticket", followed by "Nhueng" which means "One". The word "Bai" is a pronoun of ticket that helps indicate the number of ticket you want. "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make it more polite. Let's look at what we have. We have "Ticket" "One" "Pronoun of ticket" so this phrase literally means "One ticket please".

In case you need to buy more than one ticket, you can accomplish by replacing the word "Nhueng" with other number. We've already learn how to count from one to five in the previous lesson. Let's recap it now one more time. "Nhueng, Song, Sam, Si, Ha".

So if you like to get tickets for 2 people, you may say "Tua Song Bai Ka" and "Tua Song Bai Krup". If you need tickets for five people, you may say "Tua Ha Bai Ka" and "Tua Ha Bai Krup".

One good thing about Thai language is that you can shorten word or eliminate some word without changing the meaning. In this case, you may eliminate the word "Tua" which means "Ticket" and say the rest of the phrase. Thai people will still understand you well. In fact, this is the way most Thai people would say the sentence.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ตั๋วหนึ่งใบค่ะ/ครับ	Tua Nhueng Bai Ka/Krup	One ticket please. (f/m)

QUICK TIP

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you a new SIM card that works with your phone seems to be the best option. If your cell phone works with GSM or 3G network, it might work with Thai's SIM cards too! But first, let's work how to get you a SIM card first.

In Thai, "I'd like to buy a SIM card, please" is "Khor Sue Sim Card Ka" for women and men say "Khor Sue Sim Card Krup". The first word "Khor" means "Ask for", followed by "Sue" which means "To buy". And "SIM Card" is definitely an English word that we borrow. "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. So this phrase "Khor Sue SIM Card" means "I'd like to buy a SIM card, please".

Now if you need another SIM card for your significant other or your family, you can do so by adding a number of SIM card you'd like to buy then follow by pronoun of SIM Card which is "An" after the object which in this case is "SIM Card". Let's try adding them in the phrase we just learnt.

To say, "I'd like to buy 2 SIM Cards, please" is "Khor Sue SIM Card Song An Ka" for women and "Khor Sue SIM Card Song An Krup" for men. What I did is I added "Song" which means "Two" then followed by "An" which is a pronoun for SIM card in the phrase. So this phrase means "I'd like to buy 2 SIM cards, please".

But in order to make a call, you need to buy a prepaid credit for your new number. You can accomplish this by replacing the word "SIM card" with the word "But Term Ngern". In Thai, "I'd like to buy a prepaid card, please" is "Khor Sue But Term Ngern Ka" for women and "Khor Sue But Term Ngern Krup" is for men.

All incoming call to cell phones in Thailand are free. In other wordsa, you only pay when you make a call. This also applies for short messages. You only pay when you are a sender and not if you are a receiver.



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Lesson 42: Renting a Phone

ขอซื้อซิมการ์ดค่ะ/ครับ

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ขอซื้อซิมการ์ดคะ/ครับ	Khor Sue Sim Card Ka/Krup	I'd like to buy a SIM card. (m/f)
ขอซื้อซิมการ์ดสองอันคะ/ครับ	Khor Sue SIM Card Song An Ka/Krup	I'd like to buy two SIM cards please. (m/f)
ขอซื้อบัตรเติมเงินคะ/ครับ	Khor Sue But Term Ngern Ka/Krup	I'd like to buy a prepaid card, please. (m/f)

QUICK TIP

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QUICK TIP 2

In Thailand, there are many delicious dishes! We've already covered how to order them, but how to eat them! That, however, is not always so straight forward. So in today's lesson, we'll learn how to ask "How do you eat this?"

In Thai, "How do you eat this?" is "Kin Yang Ngai Ka?" for women and men say "Kin Yaan Ngai Krup?" The first word "Kin" means "Eat", followed by "Yang Ngai" means "How". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Kin Yaan Ngai Ka" and "Kin Yaan Ngai Krup" literally means "How to eat?"

Hopefully you will get an answer that shows you how to eat this mystery dish, not with a smart remark such as "With your mouth." Which by the way is Thai is "Kin Duay Park" if you hear this...you're in for a long night!

There are other instances when you may want to add some sauce to your dish. In this case, you can ask "Do you add something to this?" which in Thai is "Thong Term Ah-Rai Mai Ka?" for women and men say "Thong Term Ah-Rai Mai Krup?" The first word "Thong" means "Must" while "Term" means "Add". The next word "Ah-Rai" means "What" while "Mai" indicates that this phrase is a question. "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore "Thong Term Ah-Rai Mai Ka" and "Thong Term Ah-Rai Mai Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "Do you add something to this?"

Finally, something that may come in handy for everyone out there adverse to hot and spicy things. The all important question, "Is this hot?" in Thai is "Phet Mai Ka?" for women while men say "Phet Mai Krup?" The first word "Phet" means "Hot" as spicy while "Mai" indicates that this phrase is a question. "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Phet Mai Ka?" and "Phet Mai Krup?" literally mean "Is this hot?"

Eating Thai food is a good adventure, but the fact that some dishes might be very spicy. The way Thai people have their meal could be a little mysterious to those who are unfamiliar. Some dishes come with many small portions of ingredient for you to mix them the way you like it. Some dishes come with spicy sauces and some come with spices you are not supposed to eat. Asking your friends or wait staff at the restaurant to explain to you how to eat a certain dish could make a big difference and lead to a good impression!



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Lesson 43: Do You Have An English Version?

มีคู่มือท่องเที่ยวภาษาอังกฤษใหม่คะ/ครับ

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PHRASES

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มีคู่มือท่องเที่ยวภาษาอังกฤษไหมคะ/ครับ	Mee Ku-Mue Tong-Tiao Pen Pa-Sa Ang-Krit Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you have an English information guide? (f/m)
มีคู่มือท่องเที่ยวภาษาญี่ปุ่นไหมคะ/ครับ	Mee Ku-Mue Tong-Tiao Pen Pa-Sa Yi-Pun Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you have a Japanese information guide? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

When Thai people eat together in a group, sometimes they will order many dishes and share them together. A common Thai meal contains one soup, a spicy salad or veggie dish and a deep fried or stir fried dish. All of these should be eaten with rice.

QUICK TIP 2

You can use this phrase when asking for something else in English as well. Just remove the word “Ku-Mue Tong Tiao” which means “travel guide” then you are good to go. That means you say “Mee Pen Pa-Sa Ang-Krit Mai Ka?” and “Mee Pen Pa-Sa Ang-Krit Mai Krup?” This phrase literally means “Do you have an English version?” However, make sure that you point to the leaflet or information guide that you want.



Lesson 44: How Do You Eat This?

กินยังไงคะ/ครับ

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กินยังไงคะ/ครับ	Kin Yang Ngai Ka/Krup?	How do you eat this? (f/m)
ต้องเติมอะไรไหมคะ/ครับ	Thong Term Ah-Rai Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you add something to this? (f/m)
เผ็ดไหมคะ/ครับ	Phet Mai Ka/Krup?	Is this hot? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Most of Thai dishes come with rice or cooked with rice. If your dish does not contain any rice, it is likely that the best way to eat this dish is with rice. This applied to almost all Thai dishes except noodle dishes.

QUICK TIP 2

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Lesson 45: I'm a Vegetarian

ดิฉันเป็นมังสวิรัตค่ะ

LESSON NOTES

Today's lesson is not only for all of the vegetarians out there but is also for anyone with an adversity to a particular food! There are many reasons a person won't eat a particular food, and there may be instances when communicating this is necessary. Today we'll go over some phrases to ensure you don't get any unwanted surprises on the plate.

Before we go to our lesson of the day, let's recap on how to say "I" in Thai? For women, it's "Di Chan" or "Chan" while men say "Phom". Now let's go to our lesson!

In Thai, "I'm a vegetarian" is "Di Chan Pen Mang-Sa-Wi-Rat Ka" for women while for men is "Phom Pen Mang-Sa-Wi-Rai Krup" The first word "Di Chan" or "Phom" means "I", followed by "Pen" which means "Is" or "Being". The next long word "Mang-Sa-Wi-Rat" means "Vegtarian". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Di Chan Pen Mang-Sa-Wi-Rat Ka" and "Phom Pen Mang-Sa-Wi-Rai Krup" means "I'm a vegetarian".

Another way you could communicate that you don't eat a particular food is by saying just that. In Thai, "I don't eat meat!" is "Di Chan Mai Kin Nuea Sat Ka" for women while men say "Phom Mai Kin Nuea Sat Krup" The first word "Di Chan" and "Phom" means "I", followed by "Mai" which means "No". The next word "Kin" means "Eat" while "Nuea Sat" means "meat". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Dichan Mai Kin Nuea Sat Ka" and "Phom Mai Kin Nuea Sat Krup" means "I don't eat meat!"

This sentence pattern can be used for foods other than meat by changing just one word! So let's take a look at some other possibilities. Let's try "Garlic" which is "Kra-Tiam" . To say, "I don't eat garlic" in Thai is "Di Chan Mai Kin Kra-Tiam Ka" and "Phom Mai Kin Kra-Tiam Krup"

The reason I taught you the word for "Garlic" is because I realized that many people don't eat garlic as they can't stand the smell. And garlic is a fundamental ingredient in almost Thai food. Depends on how sensitive with garlic you are but most of Thai dishes starts up with garlic in the very beginning step of cooking. So if you don't like garlic, please feel free to tell them.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ดิฉันเป็นมังสวิรัตค่ะ	Di Chan Pen Mang-Sa-Wi-Rat Ka	I'm a vegetarian(W)

Thai	Romanization	English
ผมเป็นมังสวิรัตครับ	Phom Pen Mang-Sa-Wi-Rat Krup	I'm a vegetarian(M)
ดิฉันไม่กินเนื้อสัตว์ค่ะ	Di chan Mai Kin Nuea Sat Ka	I don't eat meat (W)
ผมไม่กินเนื้อสัตว์ครับ	Phom Mai Kin Nuea Sat Krup	I don't eat meat (M)
ดิฉันไม่กินกระเทียมค่ะ	Di chan Mai Kin Kra-Tiam Ka	I don't eat garlic
ผมไม่กินกระเทียมครับ	Phom Mai Kin Kra-Tiam Krup	I don't eat garlic

QUICK TIP

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to some phrases useful in the case you need medical assistance. When traveling sometimes the body takes a little time to adjust, and the immune system is no different. So today we'll go over some phrases that will help get you to a location where you can get medical assistance. We'll start with the phrase "Please take me to the hospital".

In Thai, "Please take me to the hospital" is "Chuay Pa Pai Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay". Even though it is not necessary, but you might like to add "Ka" or "Krup" at the end of the phrase to make it more polite. Therefore, women say "Chuay Pa Pai Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Ka" and men say "Chuay Pa Pai Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Krup". The first word "Chuay" means "Help" followed by "Pa" which means "Take". The third word "Pai" means "Go to" while "Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan" means "Hospital". The next word "Duay" means "Altogether" but in this case is added to make the phrase smoother. "Ka" or "Krup" is added to make the phrase more polite. Therefore, "Chuay Pa Pai Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Ka" and "Chuay Pa Pai Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Krup" means "Please take me to the hospital"

If things aren't too bad, perhaps you only need to get some general medicine such as a painkiller, you can do so. In Thai, "Do you have some painkiller?" is "Mee Ya Kae Puad Mai Ka" for women while men say "Mee-Ya Kae-Puad Mai Krup?" The first word "Mee" means "Have", followed by "Ya-Kae-Puad" which means "Painkiller". The next word "Mai" indicates that this phrase is a question while "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Mee Ya Kae Puad Mai Ka?" and "Mee Ya Kae Puad Mai Krup?" is equivalent to the English phrase "Do you have some painkiller?"

And just for insurance purposes, we should cover the phrase "Please call an ambulance" which in Thai is "Chuay Rieak Rot-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Ka" for women while men say "Chuay Rieak Rot-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Krup". The first word "Chuay" means "Help", followed by "Rieak" which means "Call for". The next word is very familiar "Rot-Pa-Ya-Baan" which means "Ambulance". The word "Duay" is added to make this phrase smoother as well as "Ka" and "Krup" which is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Chuay Rieak Rot-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Ka" and "Chuay Rieak Rot-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "Please call an ambulance".

You can call for help with ambulance from 191 or police station in Thailand. However, it is also very common that Thai people around you might stick you in a taxi and send you to nearest hospital for an emergency help.

QUICK TIP 2

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to some phrases that hopefully you won't have to use. When traveling to Thailand, while the threat of physical violence is not prevalent, one should always be careful. In addition, this phrase is not limited to threatening situations, but can also be used in the unfortunate event that you or someone around you is in the need of immediate assistance. Today we'll learn how to call for help.

In Thai, "Help!" is "Chuay Duay". The first word "Chuay" literally means "Help" already. The next word "Duay" means "altogether" actually added to make this phrase smoother. So this short phrase "Chuay Duay" literally means "Help!"

You can also ask someone to call a police by saying "Rieak Tam-Ruat Tee". The first word "Rieak" means "call for" followed by "Tam-Ruat" which means "Police". The next word "Tee" is another word that means nothing much but a sound that makes a phrase smoother. So altogether "Rieak Tam-Ruat Tee" means "Please call police!"

You may notice that I didn't add "Ka" or "Krup" to make this phrase more polite. That's because no one expects you to be polite when asking for help although being polite is always nice. Therefore, if you are not in such a hurry, adding "Ka" or "Krup" at the end of the phrase could also be an option.

One important thing to remember, the phone number for police in Thailand is 191.



Lesson 46: Help!

ช่วยด้วย!

LESSON NOTES

When you say you are a vegetarian in Thailand, there's a chance that you will be asked if you are a "Jay" or not. Vegetarian is no to meat only while Jay is no to all meat, dairy product such as milk, eggs and some vegetable such as parsley and garlic. Every year, most of Thai-Chinese in Thailand would practice Jay for 10 days during lent festival in October.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ช่วยด้วย!	Chuay Duay	Help!
เรียกตำรวจที	Rieak Tam-Ruat Tee	Please call police!

QUICK TIP

In today's lesson we'll work on explaining symptoms so that you can get the proper treatment and any medicine you may need.

In Thai, "I have a headache" is "Puad Hua". The first word "Puad" means "Aching" while "Hua" means "Head". So altogether "Puad Hua" means "Headache". It is not necessary to say a complete sentence in Thai language especially something informal, therefore you don't need to include the word "I" in some phrase. The phrase "Puad Hua" can be used to casually express how you feel. But if you like to be formal, for example when talking to a doctor, you can do so by adding "Ka" or "Krup" which make the phrase more polite. Therefore, women say "Puad Hua Ka" and men say "Puad Hua Krup".

We'll look at some more phrases with the same pattern; namely, "I have" stays the same and only the symptom changes. So let's go over some other symptoms.

In Thai, the word for "Fever" is "Pen Khai" And the phrase "I have a fever" is "Pen Khai Ka" for women and "Pen Khai Krup" is for men.

The word for "Stomachache" is "Puad Tong". And the phrase "I have a stomachache" is "Puad Tong Ka" for women and "Puad Tong Krup" is for men.

The word for "Cold" is "Pen Wat". And the phrase "I have a cold" is "Pen Wat Ka" for women and "Pen Wat Krup" is for men.

The word for "Sore Throat" is "Chep Kor". And the phrase "I have a sore throat" is "Chep Kor Ka" for women and "Chep Kor Krup" is for men.

The word for "Stuffed nose" is "Kat Cha-Muk". And the phrase "I have a stuffed nose" is "Kat Cha-Muk Ka" for women and "Kat Cha-Muk Krup" is for men.

The word for "Heartburn" is "Siat Tong". And the phrase "I have heartburn" is "Siat Tong Ka" for women and "Siat Tong Krup" is for men.

The word for "Diarrhea" is "Tong Sia". And the phrase "I have a diarrhea" is "Tong Sia Ka" for women and "Tong Sia Krup" is for men.

Don't forget that you can simply use just the word to describe your symptoms. You may just say "Tong Sia" to express it casually or add "Ka" or "Krup" to make it a little more polite and formal.

In Thailand, you can get a prescribed medicine right at the pharmacy located in the hospital. After a year in states, I really appreciate the medical system in Thailand where all expenses are in the same bill. And on top of that, they take care of insurance for you right at the minute you are in the hospital waiting for your medicine. You can also get a general medicine such as a painkiller or antibiotic at any pharmacy without any prescription required.



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Lesson 47: Medical Assistance

ช่วยพาไปโรงพยาบาลด้วยคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we'll work on explaining symptoms so that you can get the proper treatment and any medicine you may need.

In Thai, "I have a headache" is "Puad Hua". The first word "Puad" means "Aching" while "Hua" means "Head". So altogether "Puad Hua" means "Headache". It is not necessary to say a complete sentence in Thai language especially something informal, therefore you don't need to include the word "I" in some phrase. The phrase "Puad Hua" can be used to casually express how you feel. But if you like to be formal, for example when talking to a doctor, you can do so by adding "Ka" or "Krup" which make the phrase more polite. Therefore, women say "Puad Hua Ka" and men say "Puad Hua Krup".

We'll look at some more phrases with the same pattern; namely, "I have" stays the same and only the symptom changes. So let's go over some other symptoms.

In Thai, the word for "Fever" is "Pen Khai" And the phrase "I have a fever" is "Pen Khai Ka" for women and "Pen Khai Krup" is for men.

The word for "Stomachache" is "Puad Tong". And the phrase "I have a stomachache" is "Puad Tong Ka" for women and "Puad Tong Krup" is for men.

The word for "Cold" is "Pen Wat". And the phrase "I have a cold" is "Pen Wat Ka" for women and "Pen Wat Krup" is for men.

The word for "Sore Throat" is "Chep Kor". And the phrase "I have a sore throat" is "Chep Kor Ka" for women and "Chep Kor Krup" is for men.

The word for "Stuffed nose" is "Kat Cha-Muk". And the phrase "I have a stuffed nose" is "Kat Cha-Muk Ka" for women and "Kat Cha-Muk Krup" is for men.

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The word for "Diarrhea" is "Tong Sia". And the phrase "I have a diarrhea" is "Tong Sia Ka" for women and "Tong Sia Krup" is for men.

Don't forget that you can simply use just the word to describe your symptoms. You may just say "Tong Sia" to express it casually or add "Ka" or "Krup" to make it a little more polite and formal.

In Thailand, you can get a prescribed medicine right at the pharmacy located in the hospital. After a year in states, I really appreciate the medical system in Thailand where all expenses are in the same bill. And on top of that, they take care of insurance for you right at the minute you are in the hospital waiting for your medicine. You can also get a general medicine such as a painkiller or antibiotic at any pharmacy without any prescription required.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ช่วยพาไปโรงพยาบาลด้วยคะ/ครับ	Chuay Pa Pai Rong-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Ka/Krup	Please take me to the hospital.
มียาแก้ปวดไหมคะ/ครับ	Mee Ya Kae Puad Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you have some painkiller?
ช่วยเรียกรถพยาบาลด้วยคะ/ครับ	Chuay Rieak Rot-Pa-Ya-Baan Duay Ka/Krup	Please call an ambulance.

QUICK TIP

Thailand doesn't really have a paramedic station where they send out an ambulance for a medical helps on call. However, Thailand has a volunteer system in which providing basic help such as a ride to hospital or coordinating with the police officers while you are on the way to the hospital. This system is very common throughout Thailand at a free of charge. If you prefer an ambulance where you get help from professional nurse on board, you may need to contact a specific hospital and wait for help a little longer.

QUICK TIP 2

One factor that makes Thai language very rich and interesting is that there's a level of language. You can be casual yet polite as much as be formal yet cold by adding or removing one word. There's a chance that you might hear Thai people say the phrases we've learnt in the past with slightly different accent or form. This is because we tend to use a lot of word that has no particular meaning yet makes the phrase smoother such as the word "Na" or "Ah". c



Lesson 48: Symptoms

ปวดหัวคะ/ครับ

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ปวดหัวคะ/ครับ	Puad Hua Ka/Krup	I have a headache. (f/m)
ปวดท้องคะ/ครับ	Puad Tong Ka/Krup	I have a stomachache. (f/m)
เจ็บคอคะ/ครับ	Chep Kor Ka/Krup	I have a sore throat. (f/m)
เป็นหวัดคะ/ครับ	Pen Wat Ka/Krup	I have a cold. (f/m)
คัดจมูกคะ/ครับ	Kat Cha-Muk Ka/Krup	I have a stuffed nose. (f/m)
เสียดท้องคะ/ครับ	Siat Tong Ka/Krup	I have heartburn. (f/m)
ท้องเสียคะ/ครับ	Tong Sia Ka/Krup	I have diarrhea. (f/m)

QUICK TIP

Thailand doesn't really have a paramedic station where they send out an ambulance for a medical helps on call. However, Thailand has a volunteer system in which providing basic help such as a ride to hospital or coordinating with the police officers while you are on the way to the hospital. This system is very common throughout Thailand at a free of charge. If you prefer an ambulance where you get help from professional nurse on board, you may need to contact a specific hospital and wait for help a little longer.



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Lesson 49: Medicine

ยาแก้หวัดคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

Nobody knows your body like you! And when it comes to over the counter drugs, you may know what you need. So today we'll cover asking for some basic phrases. Let's start with cold medicine.

In Thai, "Cold medicine please" is "Ya Kae Wat Ka" for women and "Ya Kae Wat Krup" for men. The first word "Ya" means "Medicine" followed by "Kae" which means "To correct". The next word "Wat" means "Cold" and "Ka" or "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Ya Kae Wat Ka" and "Ya Kae Wat Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "Cold medicine, please".

You may want the strongest one they have. In Thai, "Do you have a very strong one?" is "Mee Ti Raeng Raeng Mai Ka?" for women while men say "Mee Ti Raeng Raeng Mai Krup?" The first word "Mee" means "Have" followed by "Ti" which in this phrase is used to specify an object. The next word "Raeng Raeng" means "Very strong" while "Mai" indicates that this phrase is a question. "Ka" or "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, the phrase "Mee Ti Raeng Raeng Mai Ka?" and "Mee Ti Raeng Raeng Mai Krup?" means "Do you have a very strong one?"

We'll look at the phrase introduced today with some more words for medicines as the medicine you want is the only thing that changes, while "please" stays the same. So let's go over some other medicine.

"Sore throat medicine" in Thai is "Ya Kae Chep Kor". And the phrase "Sore throat medicine please" is "Ya Kae Chep Kor Ka" for women and "Ya Kae Chep Kor Krup" is for men.

"Antacid medicine" in Thai is "Ya Lot Krot". And the phrase "Antacid medicine please" is "Ya Lot Krot Ka" for women and "Ya Lot Krot Krup" is for men.

"Laxative" in Thai is "Ya Ra-Bai". And the phrase "Laxative please" is "Ya Ra-Bai Ka" for women and "Ya Ra-Bai Krup" is for men.

Now the good news is common medicine like aspirin, you can say in English. As a matter of fact, knowing the name of medicine in English would actually help you get the right medicine you want as pharmacists in Thailand do know those English names as well.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ยาแก้หวัดคะ/ครับ	Ya Kae Wat Ka/Krup	Cold medicine please. (m/f)
มีที่แรงๆไหมคะ/ครับ	Mee Ti Raeng Raeng Mai Ka/Krup?	Do you have a very strong one? (m/f)
ยาแก้เจ็บคอคะ/ครับ	Ya Kae Chep Kor Ka/Krup	Sore throat medicine please.
ยาลดกรดคะ/ครับ	Ya Lot Krot Ka/Krup	Antacid medicine, please.
ยาระบายคะ/ครับ	Ya Ra-Bai Ka/Krup	Laxative medicine, please.

QUICK TIP

The word “Raeng Raeng” is a repetitive of the word “Raeng” which means “Strong” or “Powerful”. Thai often repeats an adjective to emphasise the meaning of it and make it superlative.

QUICK TIP 2

Most medicine does not require prescription. However, if you remember the name or brand of your medicine, do not hesitate to tell the pharmacist as they might know and have it available at the store. Ask for the original label if you are not sure the pharmacist gets you the right medicine as most of all medicine labels are printed in English.



Lesson 50: Allergies

ดิฉันแพ้ถั่วลิสงคะ

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson, we'll cover a phrase that will prove invaluable for those of you with allergic to something. Letting other people know about your allergies is vital to a fun and healthy trip. In today's phrase we'll go over "I'm allergic to 'something'". To start we'll need something that we're allergic to. In some cases, allergies to peanuts can be extremely dangerous so let's start there.

In Thai, "I'm allergic to peanuts", for women "Di Chan Pae Thua-Li-Song Ka" and for men "Phom Pae Thua-Li-Song Krup". The first word "Di Chan" or "Phom" means "I" for women and men respectively. The second word "Pae" means "Allergy" while "Thua-Li-Song" means "Peanuts". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Dichan Pae Thua-Li-Song Ka" and "Phom Pae Thua-Li-Song Krup" literally means "I'm allergic to peanuts".

You can use this phrase to say you are allergic to something else by simply replace the word "Peanuts" or "Thua-Li-Song" with things you allergic to. Let's try with other common allergies.

I am allergic to shrimp so let's try shrimp which in Thai is "Kung". And the phrase "I'm allergic to shrimp" is "Di Chan Pae Kung Ka" for women and "Phom Pae Kung Krup" is for men

Now let's try milk which in Thai is "Nom". And the phrase "I'm allergic to milk" is "Di Chan Pae Nom Ka" for women and "Phom Pae Nom Khup" is for men.

How about eggs? In Thai, "Eggs" is "Khai". And the phrase "I'm allergic to eggs" is "Di Chan Pae Khai Ka" for women and "Phom Pae Khai Krup" is for men.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ดิฉันแพ้ถั่วลิสงคะ	Dichan Pae Thua-Li-Song Ka	I'm allergic to peanuts. (female)
ผมแพ้ถั่วลิสงครับ	Phom Pae Thua-Li-Song Krup	I'm allergic to peanuts. (male)

VOCABULARY

Thai	Romanization	English
ถั่วลิสง	Thua-Li-Song	peanuts

Thai	Romanization	English
กุ้ง	Kung	shrimp
นม	Nom	milk
ไข่	Khai	eggs

QUICK TIP

Most Thai food doesn't contain milk. However, some sauce may have a peanut base or be mixed with some peanuts or eggs. Since it is not very common for Thai people to be allergic to milk, peanuts or eggs, you might like to skip brown sauce or spicy paste. Don't rely on wait staff in the restaurant as they might not know exactly what the ingredients are.



Lesson 51: Weather

วันพรุ่งนี้อากาศจะเป็นยังไงนะ

LESSON NOTES

Whether or not the weather will cooperate is an important question on which many plans are made and canceled. In this lesson, we'll cover a phrase that will help you finalize your plans if they depend on the weather.

In Thai, "What will the weather be tomorrow?" is "Prung Ni Ah-Kart Cha Pen Yang Ngai Na?" The first word "Prung Ni" means "Tomorrow" followed by "Ah-Kart" which means "Weather". The next word "Cha" means "Will" while the following word "Pen" means "Be". The word "Yang Ngai" is a spoken word means "How". The last word "Na" means nothing more than a word that make this phrase smoother while giving a sense of question. Therefore, "Prung Ni Ah-Kart Cha Pen Yang Ngai Na?" literally means "What will the weather be tomorrow?" You may use this phrase as a casual question or just a phrase that indicates your wonder.

Let's go to the possible answers. In Thai, "It will rain tomorrow" is "Prung Ni Fon Tok". As you may guess, the word "Fon Tok" means "Rain". Another phrase you should know is "It will be hot tomorrow" is "Prung Ni Ah-Kart Rorn". The word "Rorn" means "Hot" and when Thai people say "Hot" it means very very hot and humid!

Some say that the weather in Thailand is either rainy, hot or very hot. I think this is true! It is sunny most of the time in Thailand except rainy season in which starts in late June to mid October. The average temperature in Thailand depends on where you are but mostly it is at around 32 to 38 Celsius year-round and shoots up to 40 Celsius in summer.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
วันพรุ่งนี้อากาศจะเป็นยังไงนะ	Prung Ni Ah-Kart Cha Pen Yang Ngai Na?	What will the weather be tomorrow?
พรุ่งนี้ฝนตก	Prung Ni Fon Tok	It will rain tomorrow.
พรุ่งนี้อากาศร้อน	Prung Ni Fon Tok	It will be hot tomorrow.

QUICK TIP

The common weather in Thailand is hot and humid with bright sun year-round. There are three major seasons in Thailand; Summer, Rainy and Winter. Summer starts from mid march to mid June. Rainy starts from mid June to mid October. Winter starts from mid October to mid March.

It is warm in rainy season as well as winter although from time to time, the weather can be a little cooler than average. However, travelers should note that because it is warm throughout Thailand, Thai people tend to have air-conditioners on in which the indoor could be a little cold.



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Lesson 52: First Encounters

ชื่อสาวินดี้คะ/ครับ



LESSON NOTES

There is no impression like the first. In today's lesson we'll work on leaving a first impression that will last. Besides "Sa-Wat-Dee Ka" and "Sa-Wat-Dee Krup" which means "Hello" in Thai, there are some other phrases you can say to get to know the person better or to keep the conversation going.

The first phrase you can say is to let them know your name. I'll use my name as an example. Do you still remember my name? It's "Savinee".

In Thai, "My name is Savinee" is "Chue Savinee". Easy right? The word "Chue" means "Name" and just follows by your name. Now you might like to be polite by adding "Ka" and "Krup" at the end of the phrase. Therefore, women say "Chue Savinee Ka" while men say "Chue Savinee Krup". That sounds a little weird as Savinee is a woman's name!

Now you might like to tell them "Nice to meet you" which in Thai is "Yin Dee Tee Dai Ru Chak Ka" for women and men say "Yin Dee Tee Dai Ru Chak Krup". The first word "Yin Dee" means "Welcome" or "Pleasure" followed by "Tee" which in this phrase means "That". The next word "Dai" means "Get" while "Ru-Chak" means "To know someone". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite and formal. Therefore, "Yin Dee Tee Dai Ru Chak Ka" and "Yin Dee Tee Dai Ru Chak Krup" literally means "Nice to meet you".

Now to keep the conversation going, you might like to ask "How do you do?" which in Thai is "Pen Yang-Ngai Bang Ka" for women and men say "Pen Yang-Ngai Bang Krup". The first word "Pen" means "Being" followed by "Yang-Ngai" which is a spoken word means "How". The next word "Bang" literally means "Some" but in this phrase means "Recently". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make the phrase more polite and formal. Therefore, "Pen Yang-Ngai Bang Ka" and "Pen Yang-Ngai Bang Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "How do you do?"

Now the rest of the conversation depends on you. But one thing I can tell you is that Thai people will love to talk to you since you can speak a little Thai! Don't worry if you don't know much of Thai to keep the conversation going. I'm sure you will be fine and you might get to learn more from them. If they ask where did you learn how to speak Thai, don't forget to tell them "It's survivalphrases.com!"

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ชื่อศาวินีคะ/ครับ	Chue Savinee Ka/Krup	My name is Savinee. (f/m)
ยินดีที่ได้รู้จักคะ/ครับ	Yin Dee Tee Dai Ru Chak Ka/ Krup	Pleased to meet you. (f/m)
เป็นยังไงบ้าง นะคะ/ครับ	Pen Yang-Ngai Bang Ka/Krup	How do you do? (f/m)

QUICK TIP

The word “Perd” and “Pid” can also be used as a verb such as close the door or open the book.

QUICK TIP 2

In today’s lesson we’ll introduce you to a phrase that you’ll need on several occasions! We all know you want to see the sights in Thailand and this phrase is essential to plan your days.

In Thai, “What time does it open?” is “Perd Ki Mong Ka?” for women and men say “Perd Ki Mong Krup”. The first word “Perd” means “Open” followed by “Ki Mong” which means “What time”. “Ka” and “Krup” is added to make the phrase more polite. Therefore, “Perd Ki Mong Ka” and “Perd Ki Mong Krup” literally mean “What time does it open?”

It’s also really important to know when places close! The worst thing to encounter is a closed sign hanging in front of a place you wanted to see! But if you don’t see any of those sign, you may like to ask.

In Thai, “What time does it close?” is “Pid Ki Mong Ka?” for women and men say “Pid Ki Mong Krup?” This phrase is very easy and similar to the phrase we just learnt except that we have the word “Pid” which means “Close” in substitute of the word “Perd” which means “Open”.

Most of the shopping mall in Thailand opens at around 10 in the morning and close at 10 at night. For museum or any government runs place, it usually opens early morning since 8.30 and close at 4 in the evening.



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Lesson 53: What Time Is It?

ตอนนี้กี่โมงแล้วคะ

LESSON NOTES

No matter where you are, you will always have some place to be! Today we'll look at a question that will give the tools to find out how much time you have left to get there. We'll also give you the tools to understand!

In Thai, "What time is it?" "Tonn Ni Ki Mong Laew Ka" for women and men say "Tonn Ni Ki Mong Laew Krup". The first word "Tonn Ni" means "Now" followed by "Ki" which means "How many". The word "Mong" means "Hour" while "Laew" means "Already". "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make the phrase more polite. Therefore, "Tonn Ni Ki Mong Laew Ka" and "Tonn Ni Ki Mong Laew Krup" literally means "What time is it already?"

Let's go over hours here. We just learnt that "Hours" in Thai is "Mong". But we also have other words to indicate different time of the day as well. Now I need you to stay focus a little as it is quite complicated on how to say what time in Thai.

The first one is midday which is "Tiang Wan"

The second set is from 1 o'clock afternoon to 3 o'clock afternoon.

"Bai Mong"

"Bai Song Mong"

"Bai Sam Mong"

The third set is from 4 o'clock afternoon to 6 o'clock afternoon.

"Si Mong Yen"

"Ha Mong Yen"

"Hok Mong Yen"

The forth set is from 7 o'clock in the evening to 11 o'clock in the evening.

"Nhueng Thum"

"Song Thum"

“Sam Thum”

“Si Thum”

“Ha Thum”

The fifth is midnight.

“Tiang Khuen”

The sixth set is from 1 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the morning.

“Ti Nhueng”

“Ti Song”

“Ti Sam”

“Ti Si”

“Ti Ha”

The seven set is from 6 o'clock in the morning to 11 o'clock in the morning.

“Hok Mong Chao”

“Chet Mong Chao”

“Paed Mong Chao”

“Khao Mong Chao”

“Sip Mong Chao”

“Sip-Ed Mong Chao”

Now let's go over from midday to midnight straight.

“Tiang”

“Bai Mong”

“Bai Song Mong”

“Bai Sam Mong”

“Si Mong Yen”

“Ha Mong Yen”

“Hok Mong Yen”

“Nhueng Thum”

“Song Thum”

“Sam Thum”

“Si Thum”

“Ha Thum”

“Tiang Khuen”

“Ti Nhueng”

“Ti Song”

“Ti Sam”

“Ti Si”

“Ti Ha”

“Hok Mong Chao”

“Chet Mong Chao”

“Paed Mong Chao”

“Khao Mong Chao”

“Sip Mong Chao”

“Sip-Ed Mong Chao”

Let's go over minutes here. Minutes in Thai is “Na Ti”. Here you just follow the number with “Na Ti”. For example, 33 minutes is “Sam Sip Sam Na Ti”. 44 minutes is “Si Sip Si Na Ti”. Now let's put them together. 3:12 in the afternoon is “Bai Sam Mong Sib Song Na Ti”. But let's remember one important thing. When it is at 30 minutes or half an hour, we sometime say “Krueng” which means “Half”. So if the time is at 12.30 in afternoon, it “Thiang Krueng”. 5.30 in the morning is “Ti Ha Krueng”.

If you notice, we have “Mong” and “Thum” to indicate if it is in the early morning, afternoon or in the evening. That's because those words are from the way we Thai people in the old times use a music instrument to tell time in the community. The music instrument they used made the noise of “Mong” and “Thum”.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ตอนนี้กี่โมงแล้วคะ	Tonn Ni Ki Mong Laew Ka	What time is it already? (W)
ตอนนี้กี่โมงแล้วครับ	Tonn Ni Ki Mong Laew Krup	What time is it already? (M)

VOCABULARY

Thai	Romanization	English
เที่ยง	Tiang	Noon, Midday
บ่ายโมง	Bai Mong	1 pm
บ่ายสองโมง	Bai Song Mong	2 pm
บ่ายสามโมง	Bai Sam Mong	3 pm
สี่โมงเย็น	Si Mong Yen	4 pm
ห้าโมงเย็น	Ha Mong Yen	5 pm
หกโมงเย็น	Hok Mong Yen	6 pm
หนึ่งทุ่ม	Nhueng Thum	7 pm
สองทุ่ม	Song Thum	8 pm
สามทุ่ม	Sam Thum	9 pm
สี่ทุ่ม	Si Thum	10 pm
ห้าทุ่ม	Ha Thum	11 pm
เที่ยงคืน	Tiang Khuen	Midnight
ตีหนึ่ง	Ti Nhueng	1 am
ตีสอง	Ti Song	2 am
ตีสาม	Ti Sam	3 am
ตีสี่	Ti Si	4 am
ตีห้า	Ti Ha	5 am
หกโมงเช้า	Hok Mong Chao	6 am
เจ็ดโมงเช้า	Chet Mong Chao	7 am
แปดโมงเช้า	Paed Mong Chao	8 am
เก้าโมงเช้า	Khao Mong Chao	9 am
สิบโมงเช้า	Sip Mong Chao	10 am
สิบเอ็ดโมงเช้า	Sip-Ed Mong Chao	11 am

QUICK TIP

เที่ยง	“Tiang”	Noon, Midday
บ่ายโมง	“Bai Mong”	1 pm
บ่ายสองโมง	“Bai Song Mong”	2 pm
บ่ายสามโมง	“Bai Sam Mong”	3 pm
สี่โมงเย็น	“Si Mong Yen”	4 pm
ห้าโมงเย็น	“Ha Mong Yen”	5 pm
หกโมงเย็น	“Hok Mong Yen”	6 pm
หนึ่งทุ่ม	“Nhueng Thum”	7pm
สองทุ่ม	“Song Thum”	8 pm
สามทุ่ม	“Sam Thum”	9 pm

สี่ทุ่ม	“Si Thum”	10 pm
ห้าทุ่ม	“Ha Thum”	11 pm
เที่ยงคืน	“Tiang Khuen”	Midnight
ตีหนึ่ง	“Ti Nhueng”	1 am
ตีสอง	“Ti Song”	2 am
ตีสาม	“Ti Sam”	3 am
ตีสี่	“Ti Si”	4 am
ตีห้า	“Ti Ha”	5 am
หกโมงเช้า	“Hok Mong Chao”	6 am
เจ็ดโมงเช้า	“Chet Mong Chao”	7 am
แปดโมงเช้า	“Paed Mong Chao”	8 am
เก้าโมงเช้า	“Khao Mong Chao”	9 am
สิบโมงเช้า	“Sip Mong Chao”	10 am
สิบเอ็ดโมงเช้า	“Sip-Ed Mong Chao”	11 am



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Lesson 54: What Time Does It Open?

เปิดกี่โมงคะครับ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

The same as many other languages, level of language is important in choosing the right word and phrase. Thai culture is very rich. We respect seniority such as those who are in a higher social status, higher position or simply older. Most phrases introduced in these lessons are all neutral, meaning not too polite and not too casual. In other words they are common phrases you'll find Thai people use in daily life.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
เปิดกี่โมงคะครับ/ครับ	Perd Ki Mong Ka/Krup?	What time does it open?
ปิดกี่โมงคะครับ/ครับ	Pid Ki Mong Ka/Krup?	What time does it close?

QUICK TIP

The word "Perd" and "Pid" can also be used as a verb such as close the door or open the book.



Lesson 55: I Like It

ชอบจังเลย

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to a phrase you'll use countless times on your travels! For everyone out there who likes Thai food, place or whatever it is, this is the word you want to know so that you keep getting more of it!

In Thai, "I like it!" is "Chorp Chang Loey". Although this phrase is often used as it is, you may want to add "Ka" or "Krup" to make this phrase more formal and polite. Therefore, women say "Chorp Chang Loey Ka" and men say "Chorp Chang Loey Krup". The first word "Chorp" means "Like", followed by "Chang" which means "Quite". The last word "Loey" usually means "Passing by" but in this case is added to make the phrase smoother and casual. Therefore, "Chorp Chang Loey Ka" and "Chorp Chang Loey Krup" means "I like it!"

You can also say "I like it very much" by adding the word "Very" which is "Mak" and remove the word "Chang". To say, "I like it very much" is "Chorp Mak Loey Ka" and "Chorp Mak Loey Krup".

In the other hand, if you don't like something, you can say "I don't like it". This phrase is also very similar with the phrases we just learn. Simply add the word "No" or "Mai" in the beginning of the phrase then we get "I don't like it" which this "Mai Chorp Loey Ka" for women and "Mai Chorp Loey Krup" is for men. Don't forget that you can say it casually by leave aside "Ka" and "Krup" in all these phrases.

As I mentioned earlier, these phrases are spoken and casual in the way that most Thai people would speak. You may hear the phrase slightly different such as "Chorp Chang" or accompanied by "I" such as "Phom Chorp Chang Loey" or "Chan Chorp Chang Loey" as well. If you meant to say "I like it" as an answer of the question whether you like it or not, you can just use the word "Chorp" or "Like" as an answer. A

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ชอบจังเลย	Chorp Chang Loey	I like it!
ชอบมากเลย	Chorp Mak Loey	I like it very much!
ไม่ชอบเลย	Mai Chorp Loey	I don't like it.

QUICK TIP

There are many different phrases to say how you like something. Thai people tend to customize phrases by adding few no-meaning noises at the end of the phrase or rearrange word. However, the key word is “Chorp” or “Like”. The phrase introduced in this lesson is a common phrase that you can use it anywhere and anytime.



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Lesson 56: High-frequency Adjectives

น่ารักจัง

LESSON NOTES

In today's lesson we'll cover some high-frequency adjectives to help you express yourself in various situations.

In Thai, "It's delicious" is "Ah-Roi Chang". The first word "Ah-Roi" means "Delicious" followed by "Chang" which means "Quite". Therefore, "Ah-Roi Chang" is equivalent to the English phrase "It's delicious". Since most people would say "It's delicious" is quite an informal setting, therefore we don't need to add "Ka" or "Krup" at the end of the phrase. However, if you want to be formal, you can do so.

Now let's go over some other adjectives that you can with the pattern just introduced. Let's try hot. In Thai, "It's hot" is "Ron Chang". There is some similarity between this phrase and then phrase we just learnt. We have the adjective followed by "Change" and that's become a phrase we use to express how we feel. In this phrase, the word "Ron" means "Hot" so "Ron Change" means "It's hot".

In Thai, "It's cold" is "Yen Chang". The word "Yen" means "Cold" therefore "Yen Chang" means "It's cold". However, this phrase is used to describe some object that is cold or chilly weather. If you want to say "It's cold" as if it's freezing, you may say "Nhao Chang" instead.

"It's near" is "Klai Chang" (PS). The word "Klai" means "Near" therefore "Klai Chang" means "It's near".

How about "It's far"? In Thai, "It's far" is "Klai Chang". This word "Klai" which means "Far" is very familiar to the word "Klai" which means "Near". But the word "Klai" which means "Far" the tone is neutral while the word "Klai" which means "Near" the tone is going up.

"It's cute" in Thai is "Na-Rak Chang". The word "Na-Rak" means "Cute" therefore "Na-Rak Chang" means "It's cute". You can use this phrase to describe something cute or pretty.

"It's beautiful" is "Suay Chang". Now you have to be carefully. This is a critical word that you have to get the tone right. The word "Suay", the tone is going down and up. This is a classic word that foreigner always mispronounce and turn the meaning upside down. Most foreigners say "Suai" which means "Bad Luck" which could get you in trouble if you meant to say "Beautiful". The word "Suay" which means "Beautiful", the tone is going down and up. The word "Suai" which means "Bad luck", the tone is neutral.

Now let's take a look at the negative. You can turn all positive phrase we just learnt by adding the word "Mai" in the beginning of the phrase then change "Chang" to "Loey". For example, "It's not delicious" is "Mai Ah-Roi Loey". The first word "Mai" means "No" or "Negative" followed by "Ah-Roi" which means "Delicious". The last word "Loey" means "Passing by" but in this phrase it's mean nothing but to make the phrase smoother. Therefore, "Mai Ah-Roi Loey" means "It's not delicious".

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
น่ารักจัง	Na-Rak Chang	It's cute
ไกลจัง	Klai Chang	It's far
เย็นจัง	Yen Chang	It's near
ร้อนจัง	Ron Chang	It's hot
อร่อยจัง	Ah-Roi Chang	It's delicious
สวยจัง	Suay Chang	It's beautiful
ไม่อร่อยเลย	Mai Ah-Roi Loey	It's not delicious

QUICK TIP

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to a phrase that you'll need if you plan on stopping by to visit any friends in Thailand! Today we will provide you with the phrases needed to get inside, and the replies you can expect to hear.

In Thai, "May I come in?" is "Khor Khao Pai Khang-Nai Dai Mai Ka?" for women and men say "Khor Khao Pai Khang-Nai Dai Mai Krup?" The first word "Khor" means "Ask for" followed by "Khao Pai" which means "Get in". The next word "Khang-Nai" means "Inside" while "Dai Mai" means "May?" as a question. Therefore, "Khor Khao Pai Khang-Nai Dai Mai Ka?" and "Khor Khao Pai Khang-Nai Dai Mai Krup?" is equivalent to the English phrase "May I come in?"

The respond of this phrase should be something you can expected like "Please come in! which in Thai is "Khao Ma Si Ka" for women and men say "Khao Ma Si Krup". The first word "Khao" means "Enter", followed by "Ma" which means "Come". The next word "Si" together with "Ka" or "Krup" means "Please". Therefore, "Khao Ma Si Ka" and "Khao Ma Si Krup" literally means "Please come in!"

In many households, it's generally a good idea to get a gift for your home visit. Anything will do, usually something small as a token of your appreciation.

In Thai, "I have a small gift for you" is "Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Ka" for women and men say "Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Krup". The first word "Me" means "Have", followed by a long word "Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi" which means "A little something". The next word "Ma Fak" means "Give" as giving a gift. "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase polite. Therefore, "Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Ka" and "Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "I have a small gift for you".

I often use this phrase “Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Ka” whenever I visit someone I care about such as my friend’s parent or my teacher. It has become an international custom that you should bring a little something when visiting others. However, you won't be perceived as rude or disrespectful if you don't bring anything.



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Lesson 57: Home Visit

ขอเข้าไปข้างในได้ไหมคะ

LESSON NOTES

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I often use this phrase "Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Ka" whenever I visit someone I care about such as my friend's parent or my teacher. It has become an international custom that you should bring a little something when visiting others. However, you won't be perceived as rude or disrespectful if you don't bring anything.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ขอเข้าไปข้างในได้ไหมคะ/ครับ	Khor Khao Pai Khang-Nai Dai Mai Ka/Krup?	May I come in?
เข้ามาสิคะ/ครับ	Khao Ma Si Ka/Krup	Please come in!
มีของเล็กๆน้อยๆมาฝากคะ/ครับ	Me Khong Lek-Lek Noi-Noi Ma Fak Ka/Krup	I have a small gift for you.

QUICK TIP

In today's lesson we'll introduce you to a phrase that will help you get to the places you need to be! In some places trains and subways are the way to travel, but it's also very useful to know how to rent a car, scooter, or bicycle.

In Thai, "I'd like to rent a car, please" is "Khor Chao Rot Ka" for women and men say "Khor Chao Rot Krup". The first word "Khor" means "Ask for" followed by "Chao" which means "Rent". The last word "Rot" means "Car" while "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make this phrase more polite. Therefore, "Khor Chao Rot Ka" and "Khor Chao Rot Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "I'd like to rent a car, please".

Now we'll look at the words for other vehicles to open up your transportation options. In Thai, the word for "bicycle" is "Chak-Ka-Yarn". Now we take the previous phrase we just learnt and replace the word "Rot" with "Chak-Ka-Yarn" and we can rent a bicycle. In Thai, "I'd like to rent a bicycle, please" is "Khor Chao Chak-Ka-Yarn Ka" and "Khor Chao Chak-Ka-Yarn Krup".

Now let's rent something a little faster – a scooter! And I'm telling you, the word for scooter in Thai is pretty easy. It's "Scooter". Yes, it's another English word we borrow. Therefore, in Thai "I'd like to rent a scooter, please" is "Khor Chao Scooter Ka" and "Khor Chao Scooter Krup".

If you're renting something, it's also important to know when you must return it! Therefore we're giving you a phrase you can use to make sure you return it on time.

In Thai, "When must I return it?" is "Tong Kuen Mua Rai Ka?" and men say "Tong Kuen Mua Rai Krup?" The first word "Tong" means "Must", followed by "Kuen" which means "Return". The next word "Mua Rai" means "When" while "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make the phrase more polite. Therefore, "Tong Kuen Mua Rai Ka?" and "Tong Kuen Mua Rai Krup?" literally mean "When must I return it?"

And finally, you may want to return it at a different location. In Thai, "Where do I return it?" is "Kuen Te Nai Ka?" and men say "Kuen Te Nai Krup?" The first word "Kuen" means "Return", followed by "Te Nai" which means "Where" while "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make the phrase more polite. Therefore, "Kuen Te Nai Ka?" and "Kuen Te Nai Krup" literally mean "Where do I return it?"

Renting a car in Thailand is a good idea so that you can see around town. However, GPS systems are not really used in Thailand, therefore you may have to rely on a paper map. Moreover, the street system in Thailand is a little complicated. Even a local like me gets lost. Before taking off, make sure you plan well ahead.



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Lesson 58: Renting A Car

ขอเช่ารถคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

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Now we'll look at the words for other vehicles to open up your transportation options. In Thai, the word for "bicycle" is "Chak-Ka-Yarn". Now we take the previous phrase we just learnt and replace the word "Rot" with "Chak-Ka-Yarn" and we can rent a bicycle. In Thai, "I'd like to rent a bicycle, please" is "Khor Chao Chak-Ka-Yarn Ka" and "Khor Chao Chak-Ka-Yarn Krup".

Now let's rent something a little faster – a scooter! And I'm telling you, the word for scooter in Thai is pretty easy. It's "Scooter". Yes, it's another English word we borrow. Therefore, in Thai "I'd like to rent a scooter, please" is "Khor Chao Scooter Ka" and "Khor Chao Scooter Krup".

If you're renting something, it's also important to know when you must return it! Therefore we're giving you a phrase you can use to make sure you return it on time.

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PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ขอเช่ารถคะ/ครับ	Khor Chao Rot Ka/Krup	I'd like to rent a car please.
ขอเช่าจักรยานคะ/ครับ	Khor Chao Chak-Ka-Yarn Ka/Krup	I'd like to rent a bike please.
ขอเช่าสกูเตอร์คะ/ครับ	Khor Chao Scooter Ka/Krup	I'd like to rent a scooter, please.
ต้องคืนเมื่อไหร่คะ/ครับ	Tong Kuen Mua Rai Ka/Krup?	When must I return it?
คืนที่ไหนคะ/ครับ	Kuen Te Nai Ka/Krup?	Where do I return it?

QUICK TIP

Most places required you to put a deposit for renting a car, scooter or bicycle. You will receive this amount of money back when you return the vehicle. In some cases if the vehicle is only limited to use within area, you might have to leave your ID instead of a cash deposit. Don't leave your passport but rather your driving license that has your name written in English.



Lesson 59: Politely Declining

ไม่เป็นไรค่ะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

In this lesson we'll introduce you to some useful phrases for when you've had enough, or want to turn something down politely. One of these phrases just may make your trip!

In Thai, to politely say no is "Mai Pen Rai Ka" and men say "Mai Pen Rai Krup". The first word "Mai" means "No" followed by "Pen Rai" which means "Matter". Altogether, this phrase literally means "Doesn't matter" but with Thai culture, this phrase then equivalent to the English phrase "It's ok".

Now you might like to add "Thank you" after you say no. Do you still remember how to say thank you in Thai? For women, it's "Korb Khub Ka" and men say "Korb Khun Krup". Therefore to say "No, thank you" for women is "Mai Pen Rai Ka. Korb Khun Ka" and men say "Mai Pen Rai Krup. Korb Khun Krub".

These two phrases can be used together when you want to politely decline some offer such as some kind invitation to join a meal, when someone offer to help you, or even when you had enough of food while someone offer you more. This phrase simply help you get off something you don't want without a need to explain why while remains polite.

The phrase "Mai Pen Rai" can also be used separately to respond a question like "Are you ok?", "I'm sorry" or even a "Thank you!" For example, if someone accidentally bump you and he says "Kor Thoat Krup" which is "I'm sorry", you can quickly say "Mai Pen Rai" back to him to indicate that "It's ok". The phrase "Mai Pen Rai" is one of the most common phrases in Thailand. I can guarantee that you will hear this phrase very often when traveling to Thailand.

Thai people tend to use the phrase "Mai Pen Rai" and "Mai Pen Rai Ka. Korb Khun Ka" very often. Sometime I quickly say "Mai Pen Rai Ka. Korb Khun Ka" before I even think if I want to take an offer or no.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ไม่เป็นไรค่ะ/ครับ	Mai Pen Rai Ka/Krup	It's ok.
ไม่เป็นไรค่ะ/ครับ ขอขอบคุณค่ะ/ครับ	Mai Pen Rai Ka/Krup. Korb Khun Ka/Krup.	No, thank you.



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Lesson 60: Congratulations

ยินดีด้วยนะคะ/ครับ

LESSON NOTES

Today we are going to introduce you to some phrases ideal for special occasions that you can use with Thai speakers anywhere in the world! So whether you sending an e-mail across the globe, or saying it in person, the following phrases for celebratory events will allow you to express your sentiments in Thai.

In Thai, "Congratulations!" is "Yin Dee Duay Na Ka" for womne and men say "Yin Dee Duay Na Krup". The first word "Yin Dee" means "Congratulate", followed by "Duay" which means "Altogether". The next word "Na" means "Please" but in this case is added to make the phrase smoother. Therefore, "Yin Dee Duay Na Ka" and "Yin Dee Duay Na Krup" literally means "Congratulations!"

There's also another way to say you are happy for them. In Thai, "I'm glad for you" is "Dee Chai Duay Na Ka" for women and men say "Dee Chai Duay Na Krup". The first word "Dee Chai" means "Glad", followed by "Duay" which means "Altogether". "Na" is added to make the phrase smoother while "Ka" and "Krup" is added to make the phrase polite. Therefore, "Dee Chai Duay Na Ka" and "Dee Chai Duay Na Krup" is equivalent to the English phrase "I'm glad for you".

There is no significant different between "Yin Dee Duay Na" and "Dee Chai Duay Na". Both phrases can be use to congratulate with someone although "Yin Dee Duay Na" or "Congratulations!" is more official than "Dee Chai Duay Na" which means "I'm glad for you".

Let's look at some other phrases that might come in handy. In Thai, "Happy Birthday" is "Sook San Wan Kerd Ka" for women and men say "Sook San Wan Kerd Krup". The word "Sook San" means "Merry" while "Wan Kerd" means "Birthday" Therefore, "Sook San Wan Kerd Ka" and "Sook San Wan Kerd Krup" literally means "Happy Birthday!"

Now let's look at what to say on a festival. How about "Happy New Year!" In Thai, "Happy New Year" for women is "Sook San Wan Pee Mai Ka" and for men "Sook San Wan Pee Mai Krup" . As you may guess, "Wan Pee Mai" is "New Year", therefore, "Sook San Wan Pee Mai Ka" (PS) and for men "Sook San Wan Pee Mai Krup" means "Happy New Year!"

And the last one, "Merry Christmas". You can simply use the English phrase "Merry Christmas" as Thai people also use it as well. That maybe because Christian is not a dominant religion in Thailand but rather Buddhist. However, whatever the occasion may be, I hope you have a great time.

PHRASES

Thai	Romanization	English
ยินดีด้วยนะคะ/ครับ	Yin Dee Duay Na Ka/Krup	Congratulations!
ดีใจด้วยนะคะ/ครับ	Dee Chai Duay Na Ka/Krup	I'm glad for you.
สุขสันต์วันเกิดค่ะ/ครับ	Sook San Wan Kerd Ka/Krup	Happy Birthday!
สุขสันต์วันปีใหม่ค่ะ/ครับ	Sook San Wan Pee Mai Ka/ Krup	Happy new year!

QUICK TIP

Thai has so many words for happiness. That could be because we enjoy celebrating so much. Like many other languages, words that have the same meaning are often used in different situation depending on the custom. The word “Dee Chai” is mostly used in general happiness such as lost and found while “Yin Dee” is more for a special occasions such as weddings or promotions. “Sook-San” is mostly used on festivals.



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