

Say it like this

To help you speak a little Khmer; I have put together a very simple guide to help with a few basic expressions and a non technical guide to pronunciation

Please note that it is not intended to be a comprehensive guide; just something to help visitors here :

| WORD OR PHRASE | ENGLISH SPELLING | SAY IT LIKE! |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Hello</i> | jum-reap soo-a | choom reap soor |
| <i>How are you?</i> | tau neak sok sapbay jea teh? | ta nak soksabay jed deh |
| <i>soksabay (can be used alone)</i> | | |
| <i>Good morning</i> | arun suor sdei | arun susaday |
| <i>Good afternoon</i> | tiveah suor sdei | divea susaday |
| <i>Good evening</i> | sa-yoanh suor sdei | sayun susaday |
| <i>Susaday (can also be used as a general greeting)</i> | | |
| <i>Good night</i> | reah-trey suor sdei | readrey susaday |
| <i>My name is....</i> | k'nyom tch muoh | kuyom chemuh |
| <i>Yes</i> | baat | baa |
| <i>No</i> | dteh | tay |
| <i>Please</i> | suom mehta | zoom metar |
| <i>Thank you</i> | or-goon | arkun |
| <i>Excuse me</i> | sohm dtoh | sohm toh |
| <i>Goodbye</i> | jum-reap Leah | jum-reap lear |
| <i>I don't understand</i> | k'nyom men yoo-ul tee | kunyom min yualday |
| <i>I want a...</i> | k'nyom jang baan | kunyom jong ban |
| <i>Water</i> | dteuk | tuk |
| <i>Tea</i> | dtai | tair |

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| <i>Rice</i> | bai | bai |
| <i>Meat</i> | saich | site |
| <i>Fish</i> | dt'ray | drray |
| <i>Chicken</i> | moan | muan |
| <i>Bread</i> | num bpung | num ban |
| <i>Restaurant</i> | haang bai | haang bai |
| <i>Where is the...?</i> | ...noev eah nah? | now en na |
| <i>Market</i> | p'sah | sah |
| <i>Bank</i> | tho nee a kear | Too neek ear |
| <i>Post Office</i> | bprai sa nee | Prai sanee |
| <i>Doctor</i> | b-peth | baird |
| <i>Hospital</i> | mon dtee b-peth | Mon dee baied |
| <i>Bus</i> | laan ch' nuol | Lan krong |
| <i>Boat</i> | dtook | too |
| <i>Cyclo</i> | see kloa | see clo |
| <i>Policeman</i> | bpoa leeh or nokor-bahl | Bolie (or) noka biale |
| <i>Turn left</i> | bot dtov kahng ch'wayng | Buot twain |
| <i>Turn right</i> | bot dtov kahng s'dum | Buot sdam |
| <i>Go straight</i> | dtov dtrong | Do trung |
| <i>Yesterday</i> | m'serl menh | Muscle meng |
| <i>Today</i> | t'ngai nih | Tnai niss |
| <i>Morning</i> | bpreuk | prrek |
| <i>Midnight</i> | aa-tree-at | aatdreat |
| <i>Night</i> | yoop | yyup |
| <i>The bill please</i> | Som ketluy | Som catloy |
| <i>Beer</i> | Sra beer | Sra beer |
| <i>Sit down please</i> | Anchernh orngkughn | Andhem Awkun |
| <i>Where is the Toilet?</i> | Bong koun nov eer na | Bong kun noenna |
| <i>What time is it?</i> | Moung bon man | Mong bun man |
| <i>How much is it?</i> | Thlai bun man | TLai bun man |
| <i>That is too much</i> | Thlai klung nas | Tlai klung nas |
| <i>Will you give receipt?</i> | Nak ouy vegayabat te | Neak ouiy vegayabad tai |
| <i>Receipt</i> | Vegayabat | Vegayabat |
| <i>Please go away</i> | Soom tau ouy chhay | Soom tau ouy chhay |
| <i>I don't want this</i> | Kgnom menchorng ban te | Kgnom menchorng ban te |

Calendar and Numbers

| | | |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Tomorrow | sa-aik | saegk |
| Sunday | t'ngai aa-dteut | Tnai a did |
| Monday | t'ngai jan | Tnai jan |
| Tuesday | t'ngai ong-gee-a | Tnai ongear |
| Wednesday | t'ngai bpoot | Tnai pout |
| Thursday | t'ngai bpra-hoa-a | Tnai brohus |
| Friday | t'ngai sok | Tnai sok |
| Saturday | t'ngai sao | Tnai sow |
| Month | khaeh | khai |
| Year | ch'nam | chhnam |
| Last year | ch'nam moon | chhnam mun |
| New Year | ch'nam thmey | Chhnam tumai |
| Next year | ch'nam groy | Chnam grouwiy |
| January | ma ga raa | Me ka ra |
| February | kompheak | Kom peagak |
| March | mee nah | meennear |
| April | meh sah | mezya |
| May | oo sa phea | Ou sa peah |
| June | mi thok nah | Mi tok nah |
| July | ka kada | Ka kada |
| August | say haa | Say haa |
| September | kan'ya | Kanyaa |
| October | dto laa | To laa |
| November | wech a gaa | weechecka |
| December | t' noo | tnoo |
| One | moo ay | moi |
| Two | bpee | Be |
| Three | bay | Bai |
| Four | buon | bwoon |
| Five | bpram | prram |
| Six | bpram moo ay | Bram moi |
| Seven | bpram bpee | Bram ppee |
| Eight | bpram bay | Bram bai |
| Nine | bpram buon | Bram buon |

| <i>Ten</i> | dahp | dop |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <i>11</i> | dahp moo ay | Dop moi |
| <i>20</i> | m'pay | mopai |
| <i>30</i> | saam seup | Saam seup |
| <i>40</i> | sai seup | Sai seup |
| <i>50</i> | haa seup | Haa seup |
| <i>60</i> | hok seup | Huk seup |
| <i>70</i> | jeht seup | Jet seup |
| <i>80</i> | bpait seup | Bad seup |
| <i>90</i> | gao seup | Gau seup |
| <i>100</i> | moo-ay roy | Moi aroi |
| <i>1,000</i> | moo-ay bpoan | Moi pwan |
| <i>10,000</i> | moo-ay meun | Moi meun |
| <i>100,000</i> | moo-ay sain | Moi san |
| <i>1,000,000</i> | moo-ay lee-un | Moi leon |
| <i>10,000,000</i> | dahp lee-un | Dap leon |

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