



INTRO TO HINDI

- ❖ Hindi is the language spoken by the majority of people living northern India.
- ❖ Spoken Hindi, or Hindustani, is actually a combination of words that come from Sanskrit (the language of the Hindu scriptures) and Urdu (a language of Persian descent, spoken by Muslims).
- ❖ The Hindi alphabet is phonetic. Words are written just as they are pronounced. It makes spelling and reading relatively easy, once you've learned the alphabet.
- ❖ There are four groups of letters in Hindi that give native English speakers particular difficulty. These are:
 - Aspirated consonants (pronounced with a puff of air)
 - Retroflexed consonants (pronounced with the tongue pointed toward the back of the mouth)
 - Dental consonants (pronounced with the tongue touching the upper front teeth)
 - Nasal vowels (pronounced through the nose)
- ❖ Reflecting Indian culture, Hindi is a status-oriented language. Words change according to the relationship of the speaker to the person being addressed. There are 3 words for "you", depending on formality. The most polite form uses *aap*.
- ❖ Like Spanish and French, Hindi has masculine and feminine nouns with which all verbs and adjectives must agree. Generally speaking, masculine words end in "a" and feminine words end in "i", but there are many exceptions to the rule.
- ❖ As in English, adjectives go before the noun.
- ❖ Unlike English, there are no articles ("a", "the").
- ❖ Word order in Hindi is different from English. As a rule, sentences are formed by: Subject + Object [+ Negation] + Verb
For example, "I student am." "He teacher [not] is." "We Americans are."



KEY WORDS & PHRASES

Namaste-ji	Hello/Goodbye
Ha-ji	Yes
Ji-Nahi	No
Dhanyavaad-ji	Thank you
Koi Baat Nahi	You're welcome. (It's nothing.)
Pataa Nahi	I don't know.
Acchchaa	Oh, good, uh huh
Thik hai	OK
Ek minute	Just a minute.
Bhaiya/Bhai-saab	Brother
Bahen/Didi	Sister
Kya hua?	What happened?
Thandaa hai	It's cold.
Chalo-ji	Let's go.

Dialogue #1: SMALL TALK

Namaste-ji	Hello.
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Aap kaise hain?	How are you?
Mai thik hoon. Aur aap?	I'm fine, and you?
Mai thik hoon. Dhanyavad.	I'm fine, thank you.
Aap ka naam kya hai?	What is your name?
Mera naam _____ hai.	My name is _____.



Dialogue #2: TALKING WITH KIDS

Aap kitnay saal ke hain?

Mei # saal ka / ki hoon.

Aap school jaatay hain?

Ha-ji, mai school jaata/jaati hoon.

Aap kaunsi class mai hain?

Mai first class mai hoon.

Aap kay bhai-bahen hain?

Ha-ji, mere do bhai aur ek bahen hain.

How old are you?

I am # years old.

Do you go to school?

Yes, I go to school.

What grade are you in?

I am in first grade.

Do you have brothers & sisters?

Yes, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Dialogue #3: TALKING WITH ADULTS

Aap kahan kay hain?

Mai America ka / ki hoon.

Aap kahan rahetay hain?

Mai Oaklands mai raheta / raheti hoon.

Aap kya kartay hain?

Mai engineer/architect/student hoon.

Where are you from?

I am from America.

Where do you live?

I live in Oaklands.

What do you do?

I am an engineer/architect/student.

Dialogue #4: SHOPPING

Yay kitnay ka hai?

Mahenga hai, na?

Koi discount milega?

Voh di-kha-hi-yay.

Mujhe yay (nahi) cha-hi-yay.

How much is this?

That's a bit expensive.

Can I get a discount?

Show me that.

I (don't) want that.



Dialogue #5: PRAYING FOR SOMEONE

Peetaa par-may-shwar,
In-ko changai dena.
Za-roor-a-ton ko poora karna.
In-ko aa-shish dena.
Yeshu kay naam say,
Amen.

Father God,
Please heal him/her/them.
Please meet their needs.
Please bless him/her/them.
In Jesus name,
Amen.

NUMBERS

Ek	1
Doh	2
Teen	3
Chaar	4
Paanch	5
Chhay	6
Saat	7
Aath	8
Nau	9
Dus	10
Bees	20
Tees	30
Chaaless	40
Pachaas	50
Sau	100

QUESTIONS

Kya?	What?
Kaun?	Who?
Kitna / Kitnay?	How much?
Kahan?	Where?
Kaisa / Kasay?	How?
Kyoon?	Why?

MAKING SENTENCES

Mai...hoon.	I...am.
Aap...hain.	You...are.
Yeh/Voh...hai.	This/That/ He/She...is.