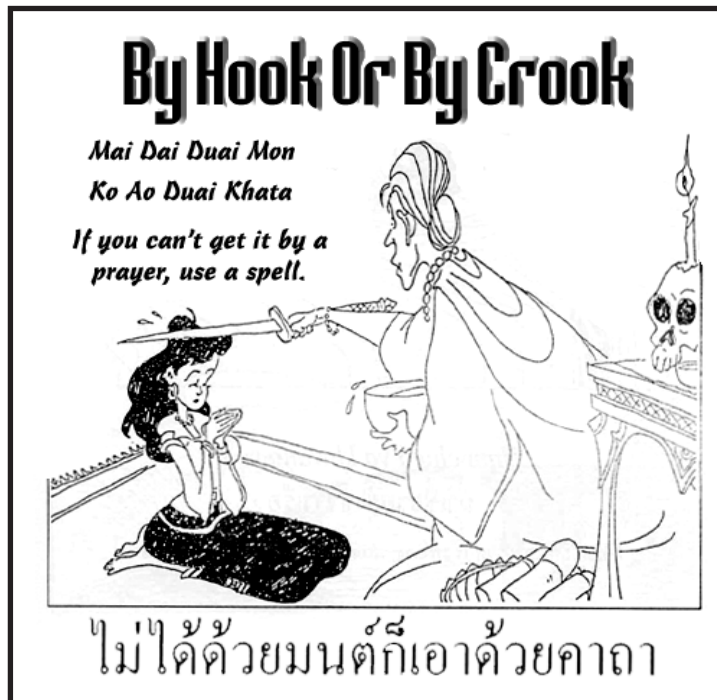


How Do I Say...

Useful Words And Phrases

Hello Sawat-dee khrup (male) kha (female)	Excuse me khaw tort	Please drive slowly garunaa khrup rot chaa chaa nawy
I, my (male) pom, khawng pom (female) chan khawng chan	Bus rot mae Bus Station Satarnee rot mae	Stop here jawt thii nii
You khun	Train rot fai	Dengue fever khai luat awk
He/she khao/ter	Aeroplane kreung bin	Can't breathe hai jai mai awk
They khao tung lai		Food aahaan
We puak rao		I can't eat spicy food. pom/ chan tahn pet mai dai
My name is.... cheu korng chun keu....		Eat gin (hard 'g' sound, not soft as in the drink)
I am glad/ happy to be in Thailand. pom/chan yin-dee thii dai maa meuang Thai		To eat food gin aahaan (colloq. gin kaou [eat rice] is normally used)
I am happy to meet you. yin-dee thii dai roo-jark khun		A table for 2 please kor dto sumrup sorng khon
Thailand is very beautiful. meuang Thai soo-ei maak		May I have a menu kor doo may noo noy
The Thai people are very friendly. khon Thai pen mit dee		What do you recom- mend khun naa num aray kha(if you are female) / khrup(if you are male)
I like Thai food, Thai people, Thailand chan (pom) chawp aah-hahn Thai, khon Thai, meuang Thai		I can (not) eat spicy food chun gin aahaan phet (mai) dai
Thank you very much. khwap khoon maak khrap	Airport sanarm bin	May I have a glass of water kor num kang bplao geow neung
Do you speak English? khun phoot phasaa ahng-krit dai mai	How much to go too...? pai..?...tao rai	May I have the bill please check bin khrup/kha
	Too expensive (to go) paang pai	Good Luck ckok dee
	How about..?...baht ..?...baht dai mai	
	OK let's go toklong laaw pai	



Some Classifiers

Classifiers or Designatory Particles are words used mainly with concrete nouns to designate and specify the unit used in counting or referring to them.

In English when we say "a head of cattle", "a lump of ice", "a bottle of beer" the words "head", "lump", "bottle" are what would in Thai be called classifiers.

There are about 80, below are just a few.

KAHNG - Legs and arms.

KON - Persons.

KUN - Vehicles ("Rot kun nee dee maak" - This car is very good)

LEM - Books, knives, forks, spoons, umbrellas and things with handles such as ox carts, wheel barrows etc.

KOO - Pairs of animals, persons or things. For trousers use DTOO-A.

KREU-ANG - Tools, utensils, machines, radios etc.

CHANIT - Kinds or sorts of things.

CHABUP - Documents, letters, newspapers etc.

CHOOT - Suits of clothing, sets of things, teams for games. ("Choot wai naam" - Bathers)

SORNG - Envelops, paper containers. ("Buree song sorng" - Two packets of cigarettes)

DOK - Flowers, patterns on cloth, treads on tyres etc.

DTOO-A - Animals, birds, reptiles, fish and insects. Tables, chairs, coats etc. ("Mar yai dtoo-a nun" - That big dog)

NAI - Male persons, officials etc.

More formal than KON.

BAI - Leaves, leaflets, round hollow objects such as hats, cushions, cups, bowls etc. Also used for fruit and eggs.