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Preface

నమస్కారం! (Namaskaaram!) / Hello!

My name is Praveen Ragi. I am a native Telugu speaker. In my free time, I like to develop the Telugu language learning material that can help people in learning the language. This Book is designed for those who want to learn Telugu Speaking & Vocabulary through English.

I hope you will enjoy learning Telugu using this course material.

I wish you happy learning...

Thank you.

With best regards,

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11. 400 Short Useful Sentences in Telugu & English: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4gsYlKlf-oxEPurUJCJSw01_iWkgCLfG
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15. English to Telugu Translation - Practice Sessions: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZY-RBYY1teD0xMigefijjOhPDnd_Klkg

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chart: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UYUjHh72iqEO6vaRO8qR1HgM6AGvwnR6/view?usp=sharing>
 - 5.2 Andhra Pradesh APSCERT 1st Class Telugu Textbook PDF Free Download: <https://smartprep.in/ap-scirt-1st-class-telugu-textbook-pdf-download/>
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1. About the Telugu Language

Namasthe everybody! You came here to learn Telugu, one of the most aesthetically audible languages in the world. We call 'Telugu' as an aesthetically audible language because listening to Telugu gives a soothing feeling, and the audience likes to listen to it again and again, especially, the poetry in Telugu when sung in a rhythmic tune, they spellbind the audience.

Before going to learn Telugu, it is very apt to know the greatness of the language.

Telugu is the most extensively spoken Dravidian language in India spoken by more than 85 million people in India. It is the third most spoken native language in India after Hindi and Bengali.

Telugu is the primary language in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states and also in the towns of Yanam and Puducherry. In Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands also, a significant portion of people speak the Telugu language.

Telugu ranks third by the number of native speakers in India and fifteenth in the Ethnologue list of most-spoken languages worldwide. Telugu, along with Kannada, was declared as one of the classical languages of India in the year 2008.

Telugu sounds beautiful when pronounced correctly. It is quite common to compare Telugu with the Italian language. The words in Telugu end with a vowel sound like the Italian language. Hence, foreigners called Telugu as the "Italian of the East."

Like many other Indian languages, Telugu is also influenced by Sanskrit and contains many Sanskrit words. However, Telugu retained its features and importance.

The formal language which is being taught in schools is different from the colloquial language, which varies with region and social status of the people.

Telugu script was derived from the Brahmi script. There are 56 alphabet in Telugu. Out of them, 16 are vowels, 37 are consonants, and the remaining three (full zero, half zero, and visarga) are called ubhayaksharalu.

Out of 16 vowels, 'Lu' and 'LU' letters have not been in use for a long time. Even the letter 'RU' also does not have any words. In consonants, 'Cha' and 'Jha' are extinct from the usage. 'Ksha' is not a consonant, but it is a bi-consonant letter (Samyuktaksharam).

The Telugu language consists of 'Ottulu' to stress a letter. There are three types of ottulu. (ద్విత్వాక్షరాలు) Dvitvaksharalu, సంయుక్త అక్షరాలు (Samyukta aksharalu) and సంశ్లేష అక్షరాలు (Samleshaksharalu). In another way, we can simply call them a single-consonant letter, a bi-consonant letter, and a multi-consonant letter.

Dvitvaksharalu means the letter with the same consonant sound, for example, 'Kka' – here only 'Ka' consonant is present. Samyuktaksharalu means two different consonant sounds, ex: 'Rga' – here two sounds like 'Ra' and 'Ga' are in it, and Samleshaksharalu means more than two consonant sounds, ex: 'Shtra' – here 'Sha,' 'Ta' and 'Ra' are there.

Though it seems tough to understand and learn Telugu, one can learn it easily if he/she has a keen interest and strong determination.

In everyday conversations, a single word or short phrase is often used to convey the meaning of a whole sentence. Pronouns and the verb to be are frequently omitted.

Telugu, like many others, may be viewed as consisting of three branches, namely - common conversational languages, the language of prose books, and the language of poetry.

A word - పదము / padhamu- is a letter or group of letters conveying some meaning and having a Vibhakti termination at the end. A group of words makes a sentence వాక్యము / -Vaakyamu-. Sometimes a single word becomes a sentence.

When we speak to elders and respectable people, we add 'andi' at the end of the sentence in Telugu, to show our regard for them. The traditional Telugu honorific is the suffix Garu. Thus, Potti Sriramulu would be Potti Sriramulu Garu.

Before concluding this, we wish all of you good luck in becoming a part of learning Telugu, one of the most classical languages and the most widely spoken Dravidian language.

Statistical data reference: Wikipedia

2. How to learn the Telugu language - A beginner's guide

Namasthe! Welcome to our Telugu learning course. Why is learning Telugu important? Telugu is

one of the classical languages of India and is one of the most widely spoken languages in the country. It is not an exaggeration to say wherever you are in the world; you will meet a native Telugu speaker since Telugu-speaking people spread to every nook and corner of the world.

Our website helps teach Telugu through English with simple and easy words. All you have to do is to put in some effort to grasp the content and through regular practice leads to perfection.

Learning time and perfection depends on each person. However, focusing on alphabet, grammar, vocabulary and regular conversation for easy day-to-day activities would help learn the language more efficiently.

Some tips to learn Telugu quickly (it works for any language):

- Speak in Telugu daily for some time. Do not feel bad even if you find mistakes in your language. Speaking is one of the best ways that many people learn a language.
- Practice daily without any interruption, even if you don't do it for a significant time. Make it a habit of doing it regularly. This practice will undoubtedly aid you in reaching your goal.
- Start writing little words like your name, town, and gender in Telugu. Increase the difficulty level day by day until you achieve success in framing sentences.
- Initially, you may find it difficult to write words. However, with regular practice, you will feel it is easier and smoother.
- Keep a notebook and write down the new things you have learned in that book every day. It encourages you to learn more.
- Like every other language, Telugu has certain limitations. Some words which we use to differentiate tenses like may, might, can, could, shall, and should are not used in Telugu to differentiate the tenses. You can learn it with days of practice.
- Try to think in Telugu. This is not as easy as it seems in the initial days, but with a bit of effort, you will succeed. This helps you to respond more accurately in actual situations.
- Book language is different from the colloquial language. Don't worry; we use colloquial language to teach the lessons.
- Unlike English, Telugu pronunciation is emphasized a lot. So, try to pronounce the words as per the given directions. Listen to Telugu songs

or small conversations on the radio to understand the syllables.

- If you reach a certain level in learning the language, you can try reading children's books. They are easy to understand. Try to understand the context. Note down difficult words and try to learn them gradually.
- If you have any doubts or want to learn anything, write to us. We are always here to help you.

3. How to say "Hello" in Telugu

Usually, every conversation starts with "Hello." So, it is essential to know how to say "hello" in Telugu. Hello means నమస్తే -Namasthaae-, or you can also say నమస్కారం -namaskaaram-.

Watch this lesson at:
<https://youtu.be/0JEEBSr2cFU>



4. Introducing Yourself

Question	Response
Hello నమస్తే (Namasthae)	Hi నమస్తే (Namasthae)
What is your name please? మీ పేరు ఏంటండీ? (Meeru paeu entandee?)	My name is Rahul. నా పేరు రాహుల్ అండీ. (Naa paeru rahul andi.)
How long you have been in this country? మీరు ఈ దేశంలో ఎంతకాలం నుండి ఉంటున్నారు? (Meeru ee dhaeshemlo enthakaalam nundi vuntunnaaru?)	For the past six months. గత ఆరు నెలలుగా ఉంటున్నాను. (Gatha aaru nelalugaa vuntunnaanu.)
Where do you stay? మీరు ఎక్కడ ఉంటారు? (Meeru ekkada vuntaaru?)	At the moment, I am staying in a hotel. ప్రస్తుతానికి నేను ఒక హోటల్ ఉంటున్నాను. (Prasthuthaaniki naenu oka hotello vuntunnaanu.)
OK! I shall leave now. Will meet again. సరే! ఇప్పుడు నేను	Sure, thank you. తప్పకుండా, థాంక్స్ [ధన్యవాదములు].

వెళ్తాను .మనం మళ్ళీ కలుద్దాం. (Sarae! Ippudu naenu velthaanu. Manam mallee kaluddhaam.)	(Thappakundaa, thank you [Dhanyavaadhaamulu].)
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5. How to say “How are you?” in Telugu

First, when we meet someone we say, నమస్కారం -Namaskaaram-, that means “Hello.” After that, we ask, “How are you?” In Telugu, we say ఎలా ఉన్నావు? -Elaa vunnaaru?-. In continuation of this sentence, we say, బాగున్నారా/Baagunnaaraa?. It means “Are you fine?”. So, you can say, elaa vunnaaru? baagunnaaraa?-. If you ask me this question-, I say, -Naenu baagunnaanu, meeru elaa vunnaaru?- It means “I am fine, how are you?”. Then you can reply like this, Naenu koodaa baagunnaanu. Dhanyavaadhamulu. Or simply you can say, naenu koodaa baagunnaanu, thank you. నేను కూడా బాగున్నాను Naenu koodaa baagunnaanu means “I am also fine. Thank you. Means ధన్యవాదములు Dhanyavaadhamulu.

Watch this lesson at: https://youtu.be/dyLDL62r IA	
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6. Response to “Thank you” in Telugu

In this lesson, we are going to learn how to respond when someone says, “Thank you.” For example, you can say, “మరేం పరవాలేదండి” -Maraem paravaalaedhandi-, or simply you can say “పరవాలేదండి. -Paravaalaedhandi-, it means “don't mention it”/ It's all right. Or you can also say “మీకు సహాయం చేయడం నాకు చాలా సంతోషంగా ఉందండి” -Meeku sahaayam chaeyadam naaku chaalaa santhoshangaa vundhandi-. It means, “It's my pleasure to help you.” And If you say thank you to me for making this lesson, I say “మరేం పరవాలేదండి, ఈ lesson తయారు చేసినందుకు నాకు సంతోషంగా ఉంది” -Maraem paravaalaedhandi, ee lesson thayaaru chaesinandhuku naaku chaalaa santhoshangaa vundhi-, it means, “Don't mention it; it's my pleasure making this lesson.”

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7. How to say “Yes” or “No” in Telugu

Yes in Telugu means అవును -Avunu-. No means కాదు -Kaadhu- or లేదు -Laedhu-. In this lesson, we are going to learn about the words “అవును” -avunu- and “లేదు” -Laedhu-. The difference between “కాదు” -Kaadhu- and “లేదు” -Laedhu- is explained in another lesson. Now let us learn how to use the words “అవును” -Avunu- & “లేదు” -Laedhu- from the example sentences.

English	Telugu (Transliteration)
Do you like mango?	మీకు మామిడిపండు అంటే ఇష్టమేనాండీ? (Meeku maamidipandu antae ishtamaenaandi?)
Yes. I like mango.	అవునండీ, నాకు మామిడిపండు అంటే ఇష్టమే. (Avunandee, naaku maamidipandu antae ishtam.)
Do you like tea?	మీకు టీ అంటే ఇష్టమేనాండీ? (Meeku tea antae ishtamaenaandi?)
No, I don't like tea. I like milk.	లేదండీ, నాకు టీ అంటే ఇష్టం లేదు. పాలు అంటే ఇష్టం (Laedhandee, naaku tea antae ishtam laedhu. Paalu antae ishtam.)
Do you like English?	మీకు ఇంగ్లీష్ అంటే ఇష్టమేనా? (Meeku English antae ishtamaenaa?)
Yes, I like English.	అవునండీ. నాకు ఇంగ్లీష్ అంటే ఇష్టమే. (Avunandee. Naaku English antae ishtamae.)
Do you like Mathematics?	మీకు గణితశాస్త్రము అంటే ఇష్టమేనా? (Meeku ganithashaasthram antae ishtamaenaa?)
Yes. I like it very much.	అవునండీ. నాకు గణితశాస్త్రము అంటే ఇష్టమే. (Avunandee. Naaku ganithasaasthram antae chaalaa ishtam.)
Do you like to read books?	మీకు పుస్తకాలు చదవడం అంటే ఇష్టమేనా? (Meeku pusthakaalu chadhavadam antae ishtamaa?)