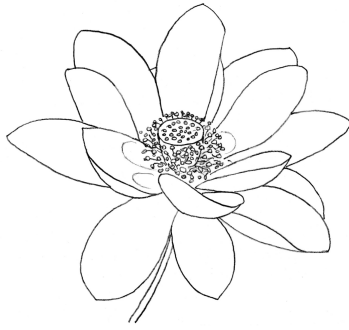


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**Sabbe sattā averā hontu, abyāpajjā hontu, anighā hontu, sukhi hontu!**

May all beings be free from enmity, free from affliction, free from distress. May they be happy!

## PĀḲI ALPHABET

**VOWELS**      a      ā      i      ī      u      ū      e      o

### **CONSONANTS**

Gutturals	<b>k</b>	<b>kh</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>gh</b>	<b>ṅ</b>			
Palatals	<b>c</b>	<b>ch</b>	<b>j</b>	<b>jh</b>	<b>ñ</b>			
Cerebrals	<b>ṭ</b>	<b>ṭh</b>	<b>ḍ</b>	<b>ḍh</b>	<b>ṇ</b>			
Dentals	<b>t</b>	<b>th</b>	<b>d</b>	<b>dh</b>	<b>n</b>			
Labials	<b>p</b>	<b>ph</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>bh</b>	<b>m</b>			
Misc. Conson.	<b>y</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>l</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>s</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>ḷ</b>	<b>ṃ/Ṅ</b>
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# 1. NOUNS

## TERMINOLOGY

**Noun** = A word used to name or identify a person, thing or a place; a subject of a sentence

**Stem** = A base from which the other forms are derived

**Gender:** Masculine (**Masc**), feminine (**Fem**), neuter (**Neut**)

**Number:** Singular (**Sg**), plural (**Pl**)

**Case:** A form a noun can take in a sentence

## CASES AND THEIR FUNCTIONS

**Nominative (Nom):** Subject of an action (of a verb)

**Accusative (Acc):** Object of an action (of a verb); time of action

**Instrumental (Ins):** Means of an action (by, with); in comparison with; at time of action

**Ablative (Ab):** Cause of an action (from, because of), comparison (from)

**Genitive (Gen):** Belonging to, of

**Dative (Dat):** Purpose of an action (to, for)

**Locative (Loc):** Location (in, on, at, from/out of); time (while, during); relation (in regard to, about)

**Vocative (Voc):** Call

## DECLENSION:

\*( ) = a less common form. Usually used in verse.

### 1.1 Masc: -a (stem)

(L1)

<b>Dhamma</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	dhammo	dhammā
Acc	dhammaṃ	dhamme
Gen	dhamassa	dhammānaṃ
Dat	dhammāya / -assa	"
Ins	dhammena	dhammehi (-ebhi)
Ab	dhammā (-asmā, amhā)*	"
Loc	dhamme (-asmiṃ, -amhi)	dhammesu
Voc	dhamma (-ā)	dhammā

Other words: Buddha

### Neut: -a (stem)

(L1)

<b>Rūpa</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	rūpaṃ	rūpāni
Acc	rūpaṃ	"
Gen	rūpassa	rūpānaṃ
Dat	rūpāya / -assa	"
Ins	rūpena	rūpehi (-ebhi)
Ab	rūpā (-asmā, amhā)	"
Loc	rūpe (-asmiṃ, -amhi)	rūpesu
Voc	rūpa (-aṃ)	rūpāni

**1.2 Fem: -ā (stem)**

(L2)

<b>Sālā</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	sālā	sālāyo (sālā)
Acc	sālaṃ	“
Gen & Dat	sālāya	sālānaṃ
Ins & Ab	“	sālāhi (-bhi)
Loc	sālāya / sālāyaṃ	sālāsu
Voc	sāle	sālāyo (sālā)

Other words: vācā

**1.3 Masc: -i (stem)**

(L8)

<b>Aggi</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	aggi	aggī / aggayo
Acc	aggiṃ	“
Gen & Dat	aggissa / aggino	aggīnaṃ / aggināṃ
Ins	agginā	aggihi / - bhi
Ab	agginā / -mhā / -smā	“
Loc	aggimhi / -smiṃ	aggīsu / aggisu
Voc	aggi (-ā)	aggī / aggayo

**Masc: -ī (stem)**

<b>Pakkhī</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	pakkhī	pakkhī / pakkhino
Acc	pakkhiṃ / pakkhināṃ	“
Loc	pakkhini / -imhi / -smiṃ	pakkhīsu
Voc	pakkhī	pakkhī / pakkhino

Other words: munī (sage)

**Neut: -i (stem)**

<b>Aṭṭhi</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	aṭṭhi	aṭṭhī / aṭṭhīni
Acc	aṭṭhiṃ	“
Voc	aṭṭhi	aṭṭhī / aṭṭhīni

**Fem: -i (stem)**

(L1)

<b>Ratti</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	ratti	rattiyo / -ī
Acc	rattiṃ	“
Gen & Dat	rattiyā	rattīnaṃ
Ins & Ab	“	rattīhi (-ībhi)
Loc	rattiyā / rattiyaṃ	rattīsu
Voc	ratti	rattiyo / -ī

Other words: bhūmi (earth)

**Fem: -ī** (stem) (L1)

<b>Nadī</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	nadī	nadiyo / -ī
Acc	nadiṃ	"
Gen/Dat	nadiyā/najjā	nadinam
Voc	nadī	nadiyo / -ī

Other words: nārī (woman)

**1.4 Masc: -u** (stem) (L2)

<b>Bhikkhu</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	bhikkhu	bhikkhū /bhikkhavo
Acc	bhikkhum	"
Gen & Dat	bhikkhuno (-ussa)	bhikkhūnam
Ins & Ab	bhikkhunā (-smā, -umhā)	bhikkhūhi (-ūbhi)
Loc	bhikkhumhi (-usmiṃ)	bhikkhūsu
Voc	bhikkhu	bhikkhū /bhikkhave /-o

Other words: garu (teacher)

**Masc: -ū** (stem)

<b>Vidū</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	vidū	vidhū /viduno
Acc	vidum	"
Voc	vidū	vidū /viduno

**Neut: -u** (stem) (L2)

<b>Cakkhu</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	cakkhu/cakkhum	cakkhū /cakkhūni
Acc	"	"
Voc	cakkhu	cakkhū / cakkhūni

Other words: dāru (wood)

**Fem: -u** (stem) (L6)

<b>Dhātu</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	dhātu	dhātū / dhātuyo
Acc	dhātuṃ	"
Gen & Dat	dhātuyā	dhātūnam
Ins & Ab	"	dhātūhi / -ūbhi
Loc	dhātuyā / dhātuyam	dhātūsu
Voc	dhātu	dhātū / dhātuyo

**1.5 Masc: go** (cattle) (L4)

<b>Go</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	go	gāvo /gavo
Acc	gāvaṃ / gavaṃ / gāvum	"
Gen & Dat	gāvassa / gavassa	gavaṃ / gunnam / gonam
Ins	gāvena /gavena	gohi / gobhi

Ab	gāvā /-amha /-asmā / gavā...	"
Loc	gāve / -amhi (-asmim)/ gave...	gāvesu / govesu / gosu
Voc	go	gāvo / gavo

### 1.6 Masc: -ar (stem) (-har type)

(L9)

Satthar/satthu	Sg	Pl
Nom	satthā	satthāro
Acc	satthāraṃ (-araṃ)	satthāro / -e
Gen & Dat	satthu (-ssa) / -uno	satthūnaṃ /-ārānaṃ / -ānaṃ
Ins	satthārā / -unā	satthārehi (-ebhi) /-ūhi
Ab	satthārā / -arā	"
Loc	satthari	satthūsu / -āresu
Voc	satthā / -a / -e	satthāro

### Masc: -ar (stem) (-tar type = relationship nouns)

(L9)

Pitar/pitu	Sg	Pl
Nom	pitā	pitāro
Acc	pitāraṃ / pituṃ	pitāro / -e
Gen & Dat	pitu / pituno / pitussa	pitunnaṃ (-ūnaṃ) / pitārānaṃ / pitānaṃ
Ins	pitārā / pitunā	pitūhi (-ūbhi) / pitārehi (-ebhi)
Ab	pitārā	"
Loc	pitari	pitūsu / pitāresu
Voc	pita / pitā	pitāro

### Fem: -ar (stem) (-tar type = relationship nouns)

(L9)

Mātar/mātu	Sg	Pl
Nom	mātā	mātāro
Acc	mātāraṃ	"
Gen & Dat	mātu / mātuyā	mātūnaṃ /-arānaṃ
Ins & Ab	mātārā / mātuyā	mātūhi / mātārehi
Loc	mātari / mātuyā (-yaṃ)	mātūsu
Voc	māta / mātā	mātāro

### 1.7 Masc: -ant (stem)

(L5)

Silavant	Sg	Pl
Nom	sīlavā / -vanto	sīlavanto / -vantā
Acc	sīlavantaṃ / sīlavaṃ	sīlavanto / -vante
Gen & Dat	sīlavato / sīlavatassa	sīlavantaṃ / -vantānaṃ
Ins & Ab	sīlavatā / -ena	sīlavantehi (-ebhi)
Loc	sīlavati / -vante (-vatamhi / -vantasmim)	sīlavantesu
Voc	sīlavā /-va / -vanta	sīlavanto / -vantā

Other words: bhagavant (blessed one), gunavant (virtuous one)

**Neut: -ant** (stem)

(L5)

<b>Sīlavant</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	sīlavam	sīlavanti / -vantāni
Voc	sīlava	“

**Masc: -ant** (stem)Only the **Nom** case differs from the declension above:

(L6)

	Sg	Pl
<b>Mahant</b>	mahā	mahā / -anto / -antā
<b>Santo</b>	santo	santo / santā

	Sg	Pl
<b>Arahant</b>		
Nom	arahā / arahaṃ	arahā, arahanto
Acc	arahantaṃ	arahantaṃ
Gen & Dat	arahato	arahantaṃ
Ins & Ab	arahatā / -ena	arahantehi
Loc	arahati	arahantesu
Voc	arahā	arahanto

(L6)

	Sg	Pl
<b>Bhavant</b>		
Nom	bhavaṃ	bhavanto / bhonto
Acc	bhavantaṃ	bhavante
Gen & Dat	bhoto	bhavataṃ / -ntānaṃ
Ins	bhotā	bhavantehi
Voc	bhavaṃ / bho	bhavanto

**1.8 Masc: -an** (stem)

(L6)

<b>Attan</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	attā	attāno / attūno
Acc	attānaṃ / attaṃ	“
Gen & Dat	attano	attānaṃ / -ūnaṃ
Ins	attanā / -ena	attānehi (-ebhi) / -ūhi
Ab	attanā	“
Loc	attani	attānesu
Voc	atta / -ā	attāno

<b>Rājan</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	rājā	rājāno
Acc	rājānaṃ / rājaṃ	“
Gen & Dat	rañño / rājino (rājassa)	raññaṃ / -rājūnaṃ (-ānaṃ)
Ins	rañña / rājinā	rājūhi (-ubhi) / rājehi (-ebhi)
Ab	rañña	“
Loc	rājini / rañne	rājūsu (-esu)
Voc	rāja / -ā	rājāno



<b>Brahman / -ṇ</b>	Sg
Nom	Brahmā
Acc	Brahmanam
Gen & Dat	Brahmuno / -unam / -ānam
Ins & Abl	Brahmunā / -anā
Loc	
Voc	

### 1.9 Masc: -in (stem)

(L6)

<b>Maccharin</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	maccharī	maccharino /-maccharī
Acc	maccharinam / -iṃ	"
Gen & Dat	maccharino /-issa	maccharīnam
Ins & Ab	maccharinā /-imhā / -ismā	maccharīhi (- ībhi
Loc	maccharini / -imhi (-ismim)	maccharīsu
Voc	macchari	maccharino /maccharī

Other words: tapasin (ascetic); hatthin (male elephant)

### 1.10 Neut: -as (stem)

(L6)

<b>Manas</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	mano / manam	
Acc	"	
Gen	manaso / manassa	
Dat	"	
Ins	manasā / manena	
Ab	manasā / -mhā (-asmā)	
Loc	manasi / mane/ -amhi (-asmim)	

Other words: cetas (thought), tejas (spiritual energy)

## 2. ADJECTIVES

### TERMINOLOGY

**Adjective** = A word that describes a noun or pronoun.

### SENTENCE STRUCTURE

When several adjectives are connected with a noun, the first one is placed before the noun and the rest after the noun.

### DECLENSION:

Adjectives are declined in the same way as the nouns they describe - i.e. they agree with the noun in gender, number and case.

### 2.1 ADJECTIVES ENDING IN -antu (-vatu/-mantu):

They describe someone who has/possesses some quality

They can be used both as adjectives and nouns (one who is ...).

See the declension of *sīlavant* 1.7

#### Masc:

<b>Bhagavant</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	bhagavā / -vanto	bhagavanto / -vantā
Acc	bhagavantam / bhagavam	bhagavanto / -vante
Gen & Dat	bhagavato / bhagavatassa	bhagavatam / -vantānam
Ins & Ab	bhagavatā / -ena	bhagavantehi (-ebhi)
Loc	bhagavati / -vante (-vatamhi / -vantsmim)	bhagavantesu
Voc	bhagavā / -va / -vanta	bhagavanto / -vantā

#### Neut:

<b>Bhagavant</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	bhagavantam	bhagavantāni
Acc	"	"

The rest is declined as masculine.

#### Fem:

<b>Bhagavanti</b>	Sg	Pl
Nom	bhagavatī / -vanti	bhagavatī / bhagavatio
Acc	"	"
Gen & Dat	bhagavatiyā	bhagavatīnam
Ins & Ab	"	bhagavatīhi (-ībhi)
Loc	bhagavatiyā / -iyam	bhagavatīsu
Voc	bhagavatī	bhagavatī / bhagavatio

Feminine -atī/-anti adjectives are declined as -ī stem nouns.

### Other -ant stem words:

arahant (worthy)

gunavant (virtuous)

cakkhumant (endowed with eyes)

sīlavant (virtuous)

## 2.2 COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

(L11)

**Comparative (-er)** is most commonly formed by adding an affix **-tara** to the adjective, less often by adding **-iya** or **-iyya**.

**Superlative (-est)** is usually formed by adding an affix **-tama** or **-(i)ṭṭha**. However more commonly comparative has also a superlative sense.

<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Comparative</b>	<b>Superlative</b>
Guṇa (virtuous)	guṇiya (more virtuous)	guṇIṭṭha (most virtuous)
Pāpa (evil, bad)	pāpatara/pāpiya (worse)	pāpatama/pāpiṭṭha (worst)
Piya (dear)	piyatara (dearer)	piyatama (dearest)
Bahu (much)	bahutara/bhiyyo (more)	bahutama (most)
Vuddha (old)	jeyya (older)	jeṭṭha (oldest)
Sādu (sweet)	sādutara (sweeter)	sādutama (sweetest)
Sādhu (good)	seyya (better)	seṭṭha (best)

### 3. PRONOUNS

#### TERMINOLOGY

**Pronoun** = A word that replaces a noun in a sentence

**Enclitic \*** = a form used only inside a sentence

#### 3.1 PERSONAL PRONOUNS:

##### Amha: I = 1<sup>st</sup> Person

(L5)

	Sg	Pl
Nom	ahaṃ	mayam (amhe)
Acc	maṃ (mamaṃ)	amhe / no* (asme/amhākaṃ/asmākaṃ)
Gen & Dat	mama / mayhaṃ / me* (mamaṃ/amhaṃ)	amhākaṃ / no* (asmākaṃ / amhaṃ)
Ins	mayā / me*	amhehi (-ebhi) / no*
Ab	mayā	amhehi (-ebhi)
Loc	mayi	amhesu

##### Tumha: You = 2<sup>nd</sup> Person

(L5)

	Sg	Pl
Nom	tvaṃ (tuvaṃ)	tumhe
Acc	taṃ (tvaṃ / tuvaṃ / tavaṃ)	tumhe / vo* (tumhākaṃ)
Gen & Dat	tava / tuyhaṃ / te* (tavaṃ/tumhaṃ)	tumhākaṃ / vo*
Ins	tayā (tvayā) / te*	tumhehi (-ebhi) / vo*
Ab	tayā (tvayā)	tumhehi (-ebhi)
Loc	tayi (tvayi)	tumhesu

##### Sa: He = 3<sup>rd</sup> Person (=Demonstrative pron. that)

(L2)

Sg	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	so / sa	taṃ / tad	sā
Acc	taṃ / naṃ*	<	taṃ
Gen & Dat	tassa	<	tassā (-ya)
Ins	tena	<	tāya
Abl	tamhā / tasmā	<	"
Loc	tamhi (tasmīṃ)	<	tassaṃ / tāyaṃ
PI	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	te	tāni	tā / tāyo
Acc	te / ne*	"	"
Gen & Dat	tesaṃ / tesānaṃ	<	tāsaṃ / tāsānaṃ
Ins & Ab	tehi (tebhi)	<	tāhi (tābhi)
Loc	tesu	<	tāsu

**Use of personal and demonstrative pron. together:** this is a stylistic feature, but only the pers. pronoun is translated. Eg. So ahaṃ = I, tassa mayhaṃ = my

### 3.2 DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS:

#### Eso: This, that

(L2)

Has the same meaning as 'so/taṃ' but is more definite, hence used for emphasis.

Sg	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	eso / esa	etaṃ / etad	esā
Acc	etaṃ	"	etaṃ

#### Ayaṃ/ima: This

(L4)

Sg	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	ayaṃ	imaṃ / idaṃ	ayaṃ
Acc	imaṃ	"	imaṃ
Gen & Dat	imassa / assa	<	imissā (ya) / immāya / assā(ya)
Ins	iminā / amena	<	imāya
Abl	imamhā / -asmā / imasmā	<	"
Loc	imasmiṃ / -imamhi / asmiṃ	<	immisaṃ / immissā / imāyaṃ / assaṃ
PI	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	ime	imāni	imā / imāyo
Acc	"	"	"
Gen & Dat	imesaṃ / imasānaṃ / esaṃ / esānaṃ	<	imāsaṃ / imasānaṃ
Ins & Ab	imehi / immebhi / ehi / ebhi	<	imāhi / imābhi
Loc	imesu / esu	<	imāsu

'If' condition: ...ce idam... = if this is the case...; no ce idam... = if this isn't the case...

### 3.3 RELATIVE PRONOUNS:

#### Ya: who/which/that/this

(L2)

Sg	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	yo / yaṃ	yaṃ / yad	yā
Acc	yaṃ	<	yaṃ
Gen & Dat	yassa	<	yassā (-ya)
Ins	yena	<	yāya
Abl	yamhā / yasmā	<	"
Loc	yamhi (yasmiṃ)	<	yassaṃ / yāyaṃ
PI	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	ye	yāni	yā / yāyo
Acc	"	"	"
Gen & Dat	yesaṃ / yesānaṃ	<	yāsaṃ / yāsānaṃ
Ins & Ab	yehi (yebhi)	<	yāhi (yābhi)
Loc	yesu	<	yāsu

### 3.4 INTERROGATIVE PRONOUNS:

#### Ka: Who, what, which?

(L3)

<b>Sg</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	ko / kaṃ	kiṃ	kā
Acc	kaṃ	"	kaṃ
Gen & Dat	kassa (kissa)	<	kassā
Ins	kena	<	kāya
Abl	kamhā / kasmā	<	"
Loc	kamhi (kasmīṃ/ kimhi/kismīṃ)	<	kassaṃ/ kāyaṃ/ kassā/ kāya
<b>Pl</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	ke	kāni	kā / kāyo
Acc	"	"	"
Gen & Dat	kesaṃ / kesānaṃ	<	kāsaṃ / kāsānaṃ
Ins & Abl	kehi (kebhi)	<	kāhi (kābhi)
Loc	kesu	<	kāsu

#### Katama: What, which?

(L3)

<b>Sg</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	katamo	katamaṃ	katamā
Acc	katamaṃ	"	katamaṃ

### 3.5 WORDS USED AS ADJECTIVES OR PRONOUNS

#### Sabba & para : All & other

(L6)

**Declension:** when used as a pronoun it takes the **plural** ending of a pronoun like so/taṃ.

<b>Sabba</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom & Acc	sabbe	sabbāni	sabbā
Gen & Dat	sabbesaṃ	<	sabbāsaṃ
Ins & Abl	sabbhehi	<	sabbāhi
Loc	sabbesu	<	sabbāsu

**Para** = other, another. Declension is similar to sabba.

## 4. PRONOMINAL ADVERBS

Relative		Demonstrative		Interrogative	
<b>Yattha</b>	where	<b>tattha</b>	there	<b>kattha</b>	where
<b>Yatra</b>	where	<b>tatra</b>	there	<b>kuttra</b>	where
<b>Yena</b>	where	<b>tena</b>	there		
<b>Yato</b>	since/when this	<b>tato</b>	then that	<b>kuto</b>	when
<b>Yathā</b>	just as, like,	<b>tathā</b>	just so, so too	<b>kathaṃ</b>	how
<b>Yasmā</b>	because, since	<b>tasmā</b>	therefore	<b>kasmā</b>	why
<b>Yadā</b>	when	<b>tadā</b>	then	<b>kadā</b>	when
<b>Yāva</b>	how long/far as long as	<b>tāva</b>	so long/far		
<b>Yāvatā</b>	as far as			<b>kitāvātā</b>	how, in what respect
<b>Yāvakiṃvaṃ</b>	as long as				

### Adverb + -ci

**Ko+ci > koci** = anyone

(L3)

**Kattha+ci > katthaci** = anywhere, where ever

**Kadā+ci > kadāci** = anytime

**Kiñci + eva > kiñcideva** = something

**Kuto+ci > kutoci** = anyway

**Kuhiṃ + ci > kuhiñci** = anywhere

**Yo koci / yohi koci** = (m,n) who ever **yā kāci** = (f) who ever

### Repeated forms:

(L10)

They are used to give distributive meaning, make a generalisation

**Punappunaṃ** = again and again

**Yato yato** = whenever

**Yatha yatha** = wherever

**Yaṃ taṃ** = whatever

**Tatha tatha** = here and there, all over

**Taṃ taṃ** = one after another

**Sama sama** = equally

### Derivatives of sabba

**Sabbato** = from every side

**Sabbatha** = everywhere

**Sabbathā** = in every way

**Sabbadā** = always

## 5. VERBS

### TERMINOLOGY

**Verb** = a word describing an action.

**Verb root** = √, original core from which a verb is formed.

**Verb stem** = a root primarily modified to form tenses.

**Tense** = The main verb category by time - present, past and future.

**Historical present tense** is comm. used in the Pāṇi scripture narratives instead of the past tense.

**Mood** = A mode of the action. There is optative (conditional) and imperative (benedictive) mood.

**Voice** = Active and middle. The middle gives elegant sense and is usually used only in verse.

**Conjugation** = is change of a verb form with person (1,2,3<sup>rd</sup>) and number (singular and plural).

### SENTENCE STRUCTURE

Usually a verb is at the end of a sentence. In verse, for emphasis, it may be at the beginning of a sentence.

### CONJUGATION:

#### 5.1 PRESENT TENSE:

**Labhati (√ labh + a) = To obtain, receive:**

(L1)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	labhāmi	labhāma
2nd	labhasi	labhatha
3rd	labhati	labhanti

Other verbs: pacati

**Bhāveti (√ bhū+ e) = To increase, develop, cultivate**

(L3)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	bhāvemi	bhāvema
2nd	bhāvesi	bhāvetha
3rd	bhāveti	bhāventi

Other verbs: cinteti, ṭhōpeti (commonly have causative sense)

**Deseti (√ dis + e) = To teach, instruct, point out**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	desemi / desayāmi	desema / desayāma
2nd	desesi / desayasi	desetha / desyatha
3rd	deseti / desayati	desenti / desayanti

Other verbs: coreti/corayati, neti/nayati, pūjeti/pūjayati

**Kināti (√ kiṇ + ā) = to buy**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	kiṇāmi	kiṇāma
2nd	kiṇāsi	kiṇātha
3rd	kiṇāti	kiṇanti

**Karoti (√ kar + o) = to do, make**

(L3)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	karomi	karoma
2nd	karosi	karotha
3rd	karoti	karonti



Other verbs: sunoti

**Atthi (√ as + a) = to exist, to be, there is**

(L3)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	asmi / amhi	asma / amha
2nd	asi	attha
3rd	atthi	santi

**Bhavati (√ bhū + a) / Hoti (√ hū + a) = to become, what has come to be** (L3)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	homi	homa
2nd	hosi	hotha
3rd	hoti	honti

**Middle Voice:  
Labhati**

(L 11)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	labhe	labhamhe / -mhase
2nd	labhase	labhavhe
3rd	labhate	labhante / -re

**Verbs of knowledge or desire:** they take their object in a locative case. Hence literally translated as: ....in regard to..... Eg. So rūpasmim nibbindati.

## 5.2 FUTURE TENSE:

**Use:** to indicate future, probability or a general truth

**Bhavissati (Bhav+ (i)ss) = will (probably) be, will exist**

(L9)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	bhavissāmi	bhavissāma
2nd	bhavissasi	bhavissatha
3rd	bhavissati	bhavissanti

### Special cases:

Āgacchati (to come): āgamissati

Gacchati (to go): gacchissati / gamissati

Tiṭṭhati (to stand, stay): ṭhassati

Dadāti (to give): dadissati / dassati

Suṇāti (to hear): suṇissati / sossati

### Middle Voice:

(11)

The word endings are the same as in the present tense middle forms.

P	Sg	Pl
1st	-e	-mhe / -mhase
2nd	-se	-vhe
3rd	-te	-nte / -re

### 5.3 PAST TENSE (Aorist)

**Use:** to describe actions that occurred in the past

#### **is-Aorist:**

Is the most common type of the past tense in Pāli.

#### **Pacati = To cook**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	apaciṃ/ paciṃ	apacimha/ pacimha
2nd	apaci/ paci	apacittha/ pacittha
3rd	“	apaciṃsu/ paciṃsu/-suṃ

#### **Gacchati = To go**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	agamiṃ/ agamisaṃ	agamimha
2nd	agami	agamittha
3rd	“	agamiṃsu/ agamisuṃ

(L6)

#### **Upasaṅkamati = To approach**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	upasaṅkamiṃ/ -isaṃ	upasaṅkamimha/-imhā
2nd	upasaṅkami/ -ī	upasaṅkamittha
3rd	“	upasaṅkamiṃsu

(L6)

#### **s-Aorist:**

#### **Karoti = To do**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	akāsiṃ	akamha
2nd	akāsi	akattha
3rd	“	akāsuṃ/ akaṃsu

(L9)

#### **Suṇāti = To hear**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	assosiṃ	assumha
2nd	assosi	assuttha
3rd	“	assosuṃ

#### **Deseti = To teach, instruct**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	desesiṃ	desayimha (desesimha)
2nd	desesi	desayittha (desesittha)
3rd	“	desesuṃ/ desayiṃsu

#### **Atthi = To be, exist**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	āsiṃ	asimha
2nd	āsi	asittha
3rd	“	asiṃsu

(L6)

**Hoti = To become**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	ahosiṃ	ahosimhā
2nd	ahosi	ahosittha
3rd	“	ahesuṃ

**Other verbs**

Bhāsati (to say, speak): abhāsi

**a-Aorist / root-Aorist:**

This is an archaic type – it was the first one used.

**Passati (√ dis) = To see**

(L6)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	addasaṃ	addasāma/ -amha
2nd	addasā	addasatha/ -attha
3rd	“	addasuṃ

**Gacchati (√ gam) = To go**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	agamaṃ	agamāma/ -amaha
2nd	agamā	agamatha/ -attha
3rd	“	agamuṃ

**Vadati (√ vac) = To say, speak**

(L6,8)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	avacaṃ/ avocaṃ	avacumha/ -ocumha
2nd	avaca/avoca/avacāsi	avacuttha/ -ocuttha
3rd	“ /āha	avacuṃ/ avocuṃ/ āhu

**Special cases:**

Āgacchati (to come): āgacchi / āgamāsi  
 Ādadāti (to take): ādiyi  
 Upajati (to arise): udapādi  
 Gacchati (to go): agacchi / agami / agamā  
 Cinteti (to think): acintayum  
 Dadāti (to give): adadi / adāsi  
 Jānāti (to know): aññāsi (from |jñā)

**5.4 OPTATIVE/CONDITIONAL MOOD**

**Use:** to describe a hypothetical situation (may, might, could, should), also as a polite imperative. It is used with particles **sace** or **yadi** = if.

**Labhati = To obtain, receive:**

(L3)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	labheyyāmi/ -eyyaṃ	labheyyāma
2nd	labheyyāsi/ -eyya	labheyyātha
3rd	labheyya/ labheyyāti	labheyyum

**Bhavati / Hoti = to become, what has come to be** (L3)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	bhaveyyāmi/ -eyyaṃ	bhaveyyāma
2nd	bhaveyyāsi (-eyya)	bhaveyyātha
3rd	bhaveyya (-eyyāti)	bhaveyyuṃ

**Atthi = To be, exist** (L7)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	assaṃ/ siyaṃ	assāma
2nd	assa	assatha
3rd	assa/ siyā	assu/ siyuṃ

**Middle Voice:  
Labhati**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	labheyyaṃ	Labh(eyy)āmase
2nd	labhetho	labheyyavho
3rd	labhetha	labheraṃ

(L11)

**Short Optative (used in verse):** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sg = - e; Eg. labhe, rakhe, kare

**Special cases:**

These verbs occasionally appear also with suffix -yā.

<b>Deti</b>	dadayya	dad+yā > dajjā
<b>Jānāti</b>	jāneyya	jan+yā > jaññā
<b>Karoti</b>	kareyya	kar+yā > kariyā / kayirā

**Hypothetical Conditional**

(L11)

The verb of the "if..." clause is conditional and the meaning is usually strongly hypothetical and counter to fact. The verb construction is a blend of future and past tenses.

**Bhavati:**

(L7)

P	Sg	Pl
1st	abhavissaṃ	abhavissāma
2nd	abhavissa	abhavissatha
3rd	abhavissa	abhavissamsu

**Eg.**

No ce taṃ abhavissa ajātaṃ abhūtaṃ...nayidha jātassa bhūtassa nissaranaṃ paññāyetha. =  
If there were not the not-born and the not-become, there would not appear an escape from the born and the having-become.

**5.5 IMPERATIVE/BENEDICTIVE MOOD**

**Use:** to tell or let someone do something, or to express a wish (may).

**Pacati = To cook:**

P	Sg	Pl
1st	pacāmi	pacāma
2nd	paca/ pacāhi	pacatha
3rd	pacatu	pacantu

## Atthi & Bhavati/Hoti:

P	Atthi		Hoti	
	Sg	Pl	Sg	Pl
1st	asmi	asma	homi	homa
2nd	āhi	attha	hohi	hotha
3rd	atthu	santu	hotu	hontu

## Other verbs:

(L3, 8)

	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sg	2 <sup>nd</sup> Pl
<b>Eti</b> (to come):	ehi, etu	etha
<b>Gacchati</b> (to go):	gacchāhi, gacchatu	
<b>Jānāti</b> (to know):	jānāhi, jānātu	
<b>Pajahati</b> (to give up):	pajahāhi, pajahatu	
<b>Bhavati</b> (to become, be):	bhava, bhavatu	bhavatha
<b>Bhāveti</b> (to develop):	bhāvāhi, bhāvetu	bhāvetha
<b>Labhati</b> (to receive, get):	labhāhi, labhatu	

**Middle Voice:** (The 2<sup>nd</sup> singular form is most common of these.)

## Labhati

(L11)

P	Sg	Pl
2nd	labhassu	labhvho
3rd	labhatam	labhantam

## 5.6 NEGATIVE COMMAND OR PROHIBITIVE

(L7)

**Formation:** by using a prohibitive particle **mā**. It may be used with the past, optative or imperative.

Aorist	Mā saddaṃ akattha = Do not make noise (2 <sup>nd</sup> Pl)
	Mā saddaṃ akāsi = Do not make noise (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sg)
	Mā agacchasi = Don't go (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sg)
Optative	Mā padaṃ anuyñjetha = Do not indulge in sloth (2 <sup>nd</sup> Pl)
Imperative	Mā gaccha = Don't go (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sg)

## 5.7 CAUSATIVE VERBS

(L10)

**Use:** to express action caused by someone to be done by another.

**Formation:** by adding **-e/-aya/-pe/-āpe/-āpaya** to the root or verbal base (stem).

### Adding -e/-aya:

<b>Otarati</b>	otāreti	causes to descend
<b>Karoti</b>	kāreti	causes to make/do
<b>Jalati</b>	jāleti	causes to burn, lights
<b>Pacati</b>	pāceti/pācayati	causes to cook
<b>Pavattati</b>	pavatteti	causes to roll, starts something rolling
<b>Bhavati</b>	bhāveti	causes to be/develop
<b>Bhuñjati</b>	bhojati	causes to eat
<b>Marati</b>	māreti	causes to die
<b>Ramati</b>	rāmeti	causes to enjoy

### **Adding -pe/-āpe/-āpaya:**

Verbal bases ending in –e/-aya invariably take the suffixes –āpe/-āpaya.

<b>Karoti</b>	kārāpāyati	causes to make/do
<b>Kiṇāti</b>	kiṇāpayati	cause to buy
<b>Coreti</b>	corāpeti/corāpayati	causes to steal
<b>Tiṭṭhati</b>	ṭhapeti	causes to stand, places, puts
<b>Dadāti/deti</b>	dāpeti/dāpayati	causes to give
<b>Nisidati</b>	nisidāpeti	causes to sit, seats someone
<b>Pacati</b>	pacāpeti/pācāpayati	causes to cook
<b>Vadati</b>	vadāpeti	causes to speak
<b>Bhuñjati</b>	bhojāpeti	causes someone to eat
<b>Marati</b>	marāpeti	causes someone to die
<b>Ramati</b>	rāmāpeti	causes someone to enjoy

### **5.8 PASSIVE VERBS**

(L9)

**Use:** to express passive action.

**Formation:** usually by adding **-yati** to the root or verbal base (stem). This may then be modified by sandhi.

<b>Karoti</b>	kariyati/-īyati	is done	<b>Bhindati</b>	bhijjati	is broken
<b>Deti</b>	dīyati	is given	<b>Labhati</b>	labbhati	is received
<b>Pacati</b>	paccati	is cooked	<b>Vadati</b>	vuccati	is said
<b>Passati</b>	dissiyati	is seen	<b>Vindati</b>	vijjati	is discovered, known
<b>Pūjeti</b>	pūjyati	is worshipped	<b>Hanati</b>	haññati	is killed
<b>Muccati</b>	mokkhati	is freed/saved			

## 6. VERBAL FORMS/DERIVATIVES

### 6.1 INFINITIVE

**Use:** to express an action to do.

#### When the present stem ends with -a: -itum

Pāḷi	English	Stem	Infinitive
Bhavati	be/become	bhava	bhavitum
Gacchati	go	gaccha	gacchitum/gantum
Labhati	get	labha	labhitum
Passati	see	passa	passitum

#### When the present stem ends with ā, e, o: -tum

Pāḷi	English	Stem	Infinitive
Aññāti	comprehend	aññā	aññātum
Deseti	teach	dese	desetum
Neti	lead	ne	netum
Yāti	go	yā	yātum
Hoti	be	ho	hotum

#### Irregular formations

Pāḷi	English	Stem	Infinitive
Karoti	do	karo	kātum
Gacchati	go	gama	gantum
Jānāti	know	ñānā	ñātum
Tiṭṭhāti	stand, stay	tiṭṭha	ṭhātum
Deti/dadāti	give	dā	dātum
Passati	see	disa	daṭṭhum
Pāpuṇāti	attain	pāpuṇā	pāpunitum
Pivati	drink	pā	pātum
Miyyati/māreti	die	marya/mare	maritum
Labhati	get, obtain	laba	labhitum/laddhum
Vikkiṇāti	sell	vikiṇā	vikkinitum
Suṇāti	hear, listen	suṇā	sotum/suṇitum

### 6.2 GERUND/ABSOLUTIVE (Indeclinable participle)

**Use:** to express an action occurring prior to that of the main verb, and closely linked to it.

#### -tvā/-tvāna Gerunds

They are most common. The affix is added either to the verbal stem or root.

(L4)

#### -ya Gerunds

They are common with verbs that have prefix added to the root.

Eg: ādadāti, uṭṭhahati, oruhati, pariyādāti

Pāḷi	English	Infinitive	Gerund
Āgacchati	come	āgantum	āgantvā/āgammā
Ādadāti	take	ādātum	ādāya
Āruhati	ascend	āruhitum	ārūya
Uṭṭhahati	arise, stand up	uṭṭhahitum	uṭṭhahitvā/uṭṭhāya

Oruhati	descend	oruhituṃ	oruyha
Karoti	do	kātuṃ	katvā
Kiṇāti	buy	kiṇituṃ	kiṇitvā
Gacchati	go	gantūṃ	gantvā
Gaṇhāti	take	gaṇhituṃ	gaṇhitvā/gahetvā
Coreti	steal	coretuṃ	coretvā
Jānāti	know	ñātuṃ	jānitvā/ñatvā
Tiṭṭhāti	stand,stay	ṭhātuṃ	ṭhatvā
Dahati/dhiyati	put	dahituṃ	dahitvā
Deti/dadāti	give	dātuṃ	daditvā/datvā
Nahāyati	bathe	nahāyituṃ	nahāyitvā/nahātvā
Nikkhamati	leave	nikkhamituṃ	nikkhamitvā/nikkhamma
Pacati	cook	pacituṃ	pacitvā
Pajahati	abandon	pajahituṃ	pajahitvā/pahāya
Pariyādāti	take over	pariyādātuṃ	pariyādāya
Passati	see	daṭṭhuṃ	passitvā/disvā
Pāpunāti	attain	pāpunituṃ	pāpunitvā/patvā
Pivati	drink	pātuṃ	pivitvā
Bhāveti	become	bhāvitūṃ	bhāvetvā
Bhuñjati	eat	bhuñjituṃ/bhottuṃ	bhuñjitvā/bhutvā
Miyati/māreti	die	maretuṃ	māretvā
Labhati	get, obtain	labhituṃ/laddhuṃ	abhitvā/labhā
Vikkināti	sell	vikkinituṃ	vikkinitvā
Vijānāti	cognise	vinituṃ	vinitvā/viñatvā
Vindati	discover, find out	vidituṃ	viditvā
Suṇāti	hear, listen	sotuṃ/suṇituṃ	suṇitvā/sutvā
Hanati	kill	hantuṃ/hanituṃ	hanitvā/hantvā
Hoti	be	hotuṃ	hutvā

### 6.3 PRESENT PARTICIPLE (Prp)

(L3,5)

**Use:** as an adjective describing a subject.

#### Masculine& Neuter

**Formed** by adding **-ant/-māna** to the verbal stem (base).

**Declined** as **-a** ending nouns.

**Gacchant = going, the goer:**

**Masc.**

	Sg	Pl
Nom	gacchanto / gacchaṃ*	gacchanto / -antā
Acc	gacchantam	gacchanto / -ante
Gen & Dat	gacchato	gacchatam / -antānaṃ
Ins & Ab	gachatā	gacchantehi (-ebhi)
Loc	gacchati	gacchantesu
Voc	gacchaṃ/ gachananta	gacchanto / -vantā

\* used in verse

**Neut.**

Declined as Masc. Except Nom and Acc. cases.

	Sg	Pl
Nom & Acc	gacchantam	gacchantāni / -anti



## **Feminine**

**Formed** by adding **-ntī/mānā** to the verbal base (stem).

**Declined** as **-ī** nouns when **-ntī** is used; declined as **-ā** nouns when **-mānī** is used.

<b>Pres. Verb</b>	V. stem	Nom Masc & Neut	Nom Fem
Atthi	as	santo	santī
Karoti	kara	karonto/-māna	karontī/-mānā
Kiṇāti	kiṇa	kiṇanta/-māna	kiṇantī/-mānā
Gacchati	gaccha	gacchanta/-māna	gacchantī/-mānā
Deseti	dese	desanta/-ayamāna	Desantī/-ayamānī
Pacati	paca	pacanta/-māna	pacantī/mānā
Suṇāti	suṇā	suṇanta/-māna	suṇantī/-mānā

(L9)

<b>Passive Verb</b>			
Kariyati		kariyamāna	
Dasiyati		dassiyamāna	
Vuccati		vuccamāna	

## **6.4 PAST PARTICIPLE (Pp)**

(L5)

**Use:** as an adjective or a noun describing a past action.

**Formed** by adding **-ta** or **-na** to the verb root with or without a connecting vowel.

**Declined** in the 3 genders: as **-a** nouns in Mas and Neut; as **-ā** nouns in Fem.

<b>Pāli verb</b>	<b>English translation</b>	<b>Sk verbal root</b>	<b>Past participle</b>
Āmasati	touch, stroke	ā + mrś-	āmaṭṭha / āmasita
Ārabhati	start, commence	ā + rabh-	āraddha
Āsiṅcati	sprinkle	ā + sic-	āsitta
Uppajjati	aires, is born	uppad-	uppanna
Karoti	build, make, do	kṛ-	kata
Kasati	plough	kṛṣ-	kaṭṭha / kasita
Kiṇāti	buy	krī-	kīta
Kujjhati	get angry	kudh-	kuddha
Khipati	throw	kṣip-	khitta
Gacchati	go	gam-	gata
Gaṇhāti	take, understand, grasp	grh-	gahita / gahīta
Garahati	despise	garah-	garahita
Cavati	depart, die	cyu-	cuta
Coreti	steal	cur-	corita
Chindati	cut	chid-	chinna
Jānāti	know	jñā-	ñāta
Ḍasati	bite	ḍas	daṭṭha
Tarati	cross over, surmount	tṛ-	tiṇṇa
Tiṭṭhati	stand, stay	sthā-	ṭhita
Dadāti	give	dā-	dinna
Deseti	teach, point out	dis-	desita
Dhovati	wash	dhov-	dhota / dhovita
Nayati / neti	lead	nī	nīta

Nikkhamati	leave, renounce	nis+kram-	nikkhanta
Pacati	cook	pac-	pakka / pacita
Pajahati	reject, abandon	hā-	pahīna
Pavisati	enter	pra + viś	paviṭṭha
Pasidati	be pleased	pra + sad-	pasanna
Passati	see	spaś- / dis	diṭṭha
Pāpuṇāti	attain	pra + āp-	patta
Pivati	drink	pā-	pīta
Pucchati	question	prch-	puṭṭha / pucchita
Phusati	touch	sprś-	phuṭṭha
Bhavati	become	bhū-	bhūta
Bhindati	break, split	bhid-	bhinna
Bhuñjati	eat, enjoy	bhuj-	bhutta, bhuñjita
Mināti	measure	mā-	mita
Muñcati	release	muc-	mutta/muñcita
Labhati	get, receive	labh-	laddha / labhita
Vacati / vatti	speak	vac-	vutta
Vapati	sow	vap-	vutta
Vasati	dwell	vas-	vusita / vuttha
Vindati	discover, find out, know	vid-	vidita
Vippakirati	confound, destroy	vi+pa+kira-	vippakiṇṇa
Vivarati	open, uncover	vi + vṛ-	vivaṭa
Vuccati	be called	vac-	vutta
Vedeti	feel	vid-	vedayita
Suṇāti / suṇoti	listen,hear	su	suta
Supati / suppati	sleep	svap-	sutta
Hanati	kill, strike	han-	hata
Harati	carry, take away	hr-	haṭa

## 6.5 FUTURE / PASSIVE PARTICIPLE (Pass)/OPTAT. PART.

(L7, 10)

**Use:** as an adjective describing an action that should/must/can be done or is worthy of being done.  
**Formed** by adding most commonly **-tabba/-aniya** to the verb stem; **-ṇiya** (after a stem -r); and sometimes **-aneyya/-ya**.

**Declined** in the 3 genders: as **-a** nouns in Mas and Neut; as **-ā** nouns in Fem.

Verb	V. stem	Masc & Neut Pass
Karoti	kara	katabba/kātabba/karaṇiya/kicca
Khādati	khād	khādaniya
Carati	cara	caritabba
Jānāti	jñā	jānitabba/ñātabba/ñeyya
Deti/dadāti	dā	dātabba/deyya
Gacchati	gaccha	gantabba
Passati	disa	daṭṭhabba/dassaniya/dassaneyya
Pūjeti	pūja	pūjaniya/pūjja (puj+ya)
Pivati	pib	pātabba/peyya
Bhavati	bhū	bhavitabba/bhabba (bhav+ya)
Bhuñjati	bhuja	bhuñjitabba/bhojaniya
Labhati	labha	laddhabba
Suṇāti	Su	sotabba
Hanati	Han	hantabba/hañña (han+ya)

## 6.6 VERBAL FORMS BASED ON ROOT –hā-

(L7)

English	diminish	abandon	renounce	leave	omit/neglect
<b>Pres</b> (3 sg)	<b>hāyati</b>	<b>vijahati</b>	<b>pajahati/-āti</b>	<b>jahāti</b>	<b>hāpeti</b>
<b>Past</b> (3 sg)	hāyi	vijahi	pajahi	jahi	hāpesi
<b>Pr.p.</b>	hāyanta/ hāyamāna	vijahanta	pajahanta	jahanta	hāpenta
<b>Pp</b>	hāna	vijāhita	pajāhita	jahita	hāpita
<b>Ger.</b>	hāyitvā	vijahitvā/ vihāya	pajahitvā/ pahāya	jahitvā/ hitvā	hāpetvā
<b>Fut.p.</b>	hātabba	vijahitabba	pahatabba	jahitabba	hāpetabba

## 6.7 SOME WORDS DERIVED FROM ROOTS –vid- and -jñā-

Prefix	Root	Verb	Ger	Pp	Pass	Noun
	<b>-jñā-</b>	jānāti	ñatvā	ñāta		ñāṇa
<b>pa-</b>	<b>-jñā-</b>	pajānāti				paññā
<b>vi-</b>	<b>-jñā-</b>	vijānāti	vinitvā	viññāta		viññāṇa
	<b>-vid-</b>	vindati/vijjati	viditvā	vidita	veditabba	vijjā

## 6.8 ABSOLUTE CONSTRUCTIONS

(L8, 10, 12)

**Use:** to express an action which occurs prior to or simultaneously to the main verb (clause) but that has a different subject.

### Locative Absolute

The participle and its subject are in locative case. Past partic. expresses a prior action and pres.partic. a simultaneous action.

### **Atthi (to be, exist):**

Pres participle = santa

Prp locative = sati (most commonly used); sante (used when the meaning is impersonal, i.e. when the absolute has no specific subject).

Eg.:

Tañhāya saiti uppadāna hoti. (When there is /there being craving there is clinging.)

Jatīyā sati jarāmaranaṃ sati. (When there is /there being birth there is aging and death.)

Evaṃ sante (That being so)

Evaṃ vutte (That having been said)

### Genitive Absolute:

(L10, 12)

The participle and its subject are in genitive case. The secondary clause is closely connected to the main clause. Past participle indicates an action prior to the main clause.

Eg.:

Acira-pakkantassa Bhagavato ayaṃ...katha udapādi = Not long after the Blessed One has left, this conversation arose.

Genitive absolute may also be used in the sense "in spite, even though". In that case present participle is commonly used.

Mama evaṃ vadantassa eva me mitto taṃ gāmaṃ pahāya gacchi. = Even though I was speaking thus, my friend left the village.

## 7. NUMBERS

**Eka dvi ti catu pañca cha satta aṭṭha nava dasa**  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### Eka: one/some

(L4)

It comes in 3 genders, and both singular and plural forms.

In the **singular** form it means **one**, and is commonly used as a pronoun.

In the **plural** form it means **some**, and is used as a pronoun or an adjective.

**Declension:** both forms are declines as sa/taṃ.

<b>Sg</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom	eko	ekaṃ	ekā
Acc	ekaṃ	"	ekaṃ
Gen & Dat	ekassa	<	ekassā (-ya)/ekissaṃ (ekāya)
Ins	ekena	<	ekāya
Abl	ekamhā / ekasmā	<	"
Loc	ekamhi (ekasmim)	<	ekissaṃ (ekāyaṃ)
<b>Pl</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom & Acc	eke	ekāni	ekā(go)
Gen & Dat	ekesaṃ (-sānaṃ)	<	ekāsaṃ (ekāsānaṃ)
Ins & Ab	ekehi (-ebhi)	<	ekāhi
Loc	ekesu	<	ekāsu

### Dvi = two

<b>Dvi</b>	All genders
Nom & Acc	dve/duve
Gen & Dat	dvṇṇaṃ/duvinnaṃ
Ins & Ab	dvīhi/dvībhi (dīhi)
Loc	dvīsu (duvesu)

### Ti & catu: three & four

<b>Ti</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom & Acc	tayo	tīṇi	tisso
Gen & Dat	tiṇṇaṃ/tiṇṇannaṃ	<	tissanaṃ
Ins & Abl	tīhi/tībhi	<	<
Loc	tīsu	<	<
<b>Catu</b>	Masc	Neut	Fem
Nom & Acc	cattāro/catturo	cattāri	catasso
Gen & Dat	catunnaṃ	<	catassannaṃ
Ins & Abl	catūhi/-ūbhi/-ubhi	<	<
Loc	catūsu	<	<

### Other Numerals

The numerals 5-10 do not distinguish genders.

All decline like **pañca**.

<b>Pañca</b>	All genders
Nom & Acc	pañca
Gen & Dat	pañcannaṃ
Ins & Abl	pañcahi
Loc	pañcasu

**Sataṃ** = hundred

**Sahassa** = thousand

**Pāli word order:** numeral + noun + hundred (all agree in number and case)

**Ordinal Numerals:**

Paṭhamo = first

Dutiyo = second

Tatiyo = third

Cattutho = fourth

**Añña: other, another**

aññatama = one out of many, unknown

aññatara = certain, not well known

## 8. PREPOSITIONS AND POSTPOSITIONS

**Use:** Prepositions and postpositions are connecting words that describe special, temporal or other relation between nouns or pronouns.

(L2, 10)

### Prepositions

**Aññatra** among (e.g. aññatra manusesu = among mankind)  
outside (e.g. aññantra manusehi = outside of mankind)  
**Anto-** within, inside (e.g. antogāmaṃ pavissati)

### Postpositions

Postposition often come from verb forms like gerunds or case forms of nouns that have been 'frozen in' to idiomatic use as postpositions.

**-paṭṭhāya** (beginning) from (takes Abl case)  
**-nissāya** because of (takes Acc case)  
**-heṭṭhā** beneath (takes Gen case; can also be used as a preposition)

Eg.

Ajato paṭṭhāya = from today

Ito paṭṭhāya = henceforth

Idaṃ kammaṃ nissāya = because of this action

Dhanaṃ nissāya = because of wealth

Rukhassa heṭṭhā = beneath the tree

Heṭṭhāmañchaṃ = beneath the bed

**-ādi, -ādīni** etc.

Eg.

Hatthirūpakādīni = images of elephants, etc.

Kasigorakkhādīni = agriculture, tending cattle, etc.

## 9. PREFIXES

- a-** without, neg. (**na** particle shortened) , im-, non-  
**ati-** over, beyond, very, intensifier  
**adhi-** up to, over, above, intens. (adhigacchati = attains mentally)  
**anu-** after, along, behind, under, according to, in order (opp. of **-paṭi**)  
(anuloma = regular, in conformity)  
**apa-** away, from, away from (opp. of **upa-**)  
**api-/pi-** close by, towards, later, moreover  
**abhi-** to, towards, over, on top of, high, intens.  
**ava/o-** low, under, down, over, away from  
**ā-** out, to, towards, intens. (e.g. āsava)  
**upa-** near, on, upon, intens. (opp. of **apa-**)  
**du(r)-** difficult, bad, wrong, opposite of **su-**  
**ni(r)-** away, into, down, free from, without, neg.  
**pa-** forward, forth, up, out, intens. of action  
**pati/paṭi-** against, back, opposite, in reverse direction, in return  
(paṭiloma = reverse, opposite)  
**parā-** away, aside, opposed to, back  
**pari-** (all)around, (all)about, completely, intens.  
**vi-** apart, without, separate, different, transcendent, intensif.  
**sa-** with, possessed of, having same (e.g. sāsava = with āsavas)  
**saṃ-** with, together, completely, intens.  
**su-** easy, well, happy, excellent, intens. (opposite of **dur-**)

### COMPOUNDS

- a + atta > anatta  
a + nicca > anicca  
a + mata > amata  
a + vijjā > avijjā  
abhi + dhamma > abhidhamma  
ā + lok > āloka  
dur + kha >> dukkha  
ni + rodha > nirodha  
nir + vāna >> nibbāna  
pa + dīpa > padīpa  
pari + nibbāna > parinibbāna  
vi + mutti > vimutti  
vi + jñā >> viññāna  
vi + naya > vinaya  
vi + rāga > virāga  
vi + saṅkhāra > visaṅkhāra  
vi + saṃyoga > visaṃyoga  
saṃ + kar >> saṅkhāra  
saṃ + yoga > saṃyoga  
saṃ + sar >> saṃsāra  
su + kha > sukha

## 10. INDECLINABLES, PARTICLES

(L1,3,7)

<b>atha</b>	now, then
<b>atha kho</b>	now, but, but rather, however
<b>api</b>	and, also
<b>api ca</b>	but rather
<b>api nu</b>	isn't it the case
<b>iti</b>	thus, such
<b>iti pi</b>	connective
<b>iva</b>	like, as
<b>eva</b>	emphatic - very, certainly, really
<b>evam</b>	thus, such, yes
<b>evam eva</b>	just so, so too
<b>evam pi (evam + api)</b>	just also, so too
<b>kho</b>	emphatic/connective - not translated
<b>ca</b>	and, but
<b>ci</b>	indefinite particle. May be added to interrog. pron. to form indefinite pronouns (L3)
<b>ce</b>	if - it cannot begin a sentence. (E.g. Aham ce ... = I if ...= if I ...)
<b>ṭhānaṃ</b>	possible
<b>na</b>	not
<b>nu</b>	emphatic. It indicates a question. (Sakkā nu kho...? = Is it possible...? Kim nu kho? = What is it?)
<b>na nu</b>	isn't it the case?
<b>no (na+u)</b>	emphatic negative - verily not
<b>no vā</b>	or not, isn't it
<b>no hetam (no hi etam)</b>	not this, certainly not
<b>nāma</b>	just, indeed, for sure
<b>namo</b>	homage
<b>pana</b>	yet, moreover, verily
<b>pi</b>	again, also (connective - not translated)
<b>tena hi</b>	well then
<b>ti /iti</b>	quotation marker
<b>mā</b>	prohibitive particle, forms a negative command. May be used with aorist, optative or imperative
<b>yathā</b>	just as, like, according to (Yathā bhūtaṃ = as it really is)
<b>yadidaṃ (yathā idaṃ)</b>	as this, namely, that is to say
<b>yāva</b>	as long as
<b>yeva</b>	even, just, also
<b>vā</b>	or
<b>ve</b>	emphatic verily, indeed, truly
<b>sakkā</b>	it is possible
<b>sadā</b>	always, forever
<b>sammā</b>	right
<b>sudaṃ</b>	redundant particle
<b>seyyathā</b>	just as/like, as if, suppose
<b>handā</b>	exhortative, emphatic particle, well then, now
<b>hi</b>	emphatic verily, certainly, this very



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**Ākāsaṭṭhā ca bhummaṭṭhā, devā nāgā mahiddhikā,  
puññaṃ taṃ anumoditvā, ciraṃ rakkhantu desanaṃ.**

May all beings inhabiting Space and Earth, Devas and Nagas of mighty power,  
share this merit and may they long protect the teaching of the Dhamma.