

Nepali Language 2

Shopping and Numbers

Numbers:

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| 1 | Ek | 30 | Tis |
| 2 | Dui | 40 | Chhlais |
| 3 | Tin | 50 | Pachais |
| 4 | Chaar | 60 | Sathi |
| 5 | Paach | 70 | Sattari |
| 6 | Chha | 80 | Asi |
| 7 | Saath | 90 | Nabbe |
| 8 | Aath | | |
| 9 | Nau | | |
| 10 | Thus | 100 | ek saya |
| 11 | Egharra | 1000 | hajaar |
| 12 | Barra | 100,000 | ek lak |
| 13 | Terha | 1,000,000 | dus lak |
| 14 | Chauda | | |
| 15 | Panderra | | |
| 16 | Sorha | | |
| 17 | Sattara | | |
| 18 | athara | | |
| 19 | Unnais | | |
| 20 | Bis | | |

How old are you? Tapai kati barsa?

Ma kindina I'm not buying it

Malaaichhaincha

Malaai chhahydaina I don't need it

Ma sanga paisa chhaina I don't have money with me.

Tapalaai ke chhainchha? What do you need?

Malaai ke chhaindaina. I don't need anything.

Useful shopping adjectives: bhayo

Mahongo: Expensive

Sasto: Cheap

Ramro: Beautiful

Thulo: Big

Saanu: Small

Grammar:

Making things plural:

When you have a noun all you need to do to make it plural is to add “haru” to the end of the noun

e.g. Book is kitab
Books are kitabharu

Proper grammatical tables:

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| I | Ma |
| You | Tapai/Timi/Hajuur |
| He | Uh |
| She | Uni |
| We | Hamiharu |
| You (Plural) | Timiharu, Tapaiharu |
| They | Teeniharu |
| It | Teslay |

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|---------------|------------------|-----------|
| Present tense | Bolnu (to speak) | Khannu |
| Ma | Bolchhu | Kannchhu |
| Timi | Bolchhau | Kannchhau |
| Uh | Bolchha | Kannchha |
| Uni | Bolchhin | Kannchhin |
| Hamiharu | Bolchhan | Kannchhan |
| Timiharu | Bolchhau | Kanchhau |
| Teeniharu | Bolchhan | Kannchhan |
| Teslay | Bolchha | Kannchha |
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Other verbs:

Bujhnu: Understand

Drink: Piuniu

Sicknu: Learn

Sickaunu: Teach

Aaaunu: Come

Jaanu: Go

Kinu: Buy

Dinu: Give

Leknu: To write

Nepali Culture, Shopping:

Shopping in Nepal is a very sociable thing. Many nepalese spend hours shopping because they sit and talk with the shopkeeper for a long time. Infact people will sometimes sit outside shops and they are seen as meeting places. It is not unusual that after purchasing something from a shop they will make you tea and ask you to sit down. This also happens before you even purchase something sometimes, especially if you are shopping with a friend.

When buying normal everyday items from the local shop bargaining is not used, Very seldom will the local shopkeepers try to overcharge you for something and they are just set prices etc.... A packet of milk is 18 ruppees, an egg is 8 ruppees, chocolate bars are etither 5 or 10 ruppees.

However when you are buying slightly more expensive things or you are in Thamel well bargaining is seen as part of the whole sociable shopping experience and shopkeepers think much more highly of you if you do bargain with them, saying that you must be careful because a lot of shopkeepers handmade their items and if you say a price too low they may get insulted. Thamel however shopkeepers are really devious. Very few shopkeepers will charge less than double what they think is the right price, especially in thamel central. Anyone who owns a shop in thamel is well off, so don't be too worried about the sob stories that they like to tell you. Also everything in Thamel is "ramro quality", really take want they say light heartedly, I mean none of the Lowe Alpine gear is real.

Some places in Thamel bargaining is not expected. Backeries with the small cakes have set prices, however if you are ordering a large cake to be made feel free to bargain. Bookstores are also places where bargaining is unnecessary. But when shopping for clothes, don't ever pay the first price that they tell you, in thamel, even if they have prices up, they don't expect you to pay the price that they ask!!!

Extra Bargaining Vocab:

Sauni: Shopkeeper

Daai: Older brother

Didi: Older sister

Bhaai: Younger brother

Bhaini: Younger sister

Daai, esko kati ho?

How much is this?

Kati leagchha?

How much is it?

250, jiskeko

250, you must be joking!!

Kasto mahongo!!!

How expensive!!!

Daai kam garnus

Older brother please give me a discount

Cuskeko manche

You're crazy

200 dinus

Give it to me for 200 ruppees.

Don't learn my heart, just examples of how bargaining often goes.

Ma arko pasal jannchhu tara ma pheri aunnchhu

I'm going to another shop but I'll come back

Ma bidihyarthi matri ho, dherai paisa chhaina

I'm only a student, I don't have very much money.

Ma dherai lamo semai yeha basschhu, yeti tapai kam garnuhunncha, ma peri aunnchhu.

I'm staying here for a very long time so if you give me a discount I'll come back here.