

BEGINNER

BENGALI BEGINNER MASTERCLASS

Bengali Quick Guide

Essential Vocabulary
and Phrases

Essential sentences in Bengali

Hello there!

I'm Laury, and I'm excited to connect with you. I couldn't help but notice your interest in Bengali, and I'm curious about what inspired you to start learning this unique and fascinating language.

Personally, I never thought I'd end up learning a language that uses an alphabet that looks like it belongs in a calligraphy class, and comes from a country over 8,000 km away from my hometown. But sometimes, life takes you on unexpected journeys, and my path crossed with a Bengali guy while I was living in Singapore. That's where my journey with Bengali began.

But let's get back to the main topic at hand!

The 50 essential Bengali sentences you'll find below are more than just a phrasebook to help you navigate your way around West Bengal or Bangladesh. They're a starting point to help you build your foundation in the language and explore its rich culture. While these sentences will not enable you to have complex conversations with locals just yet, they'll provide you with some foundations to build upon.

But to achieve that, you need to delve into the language on your own. Learning a less commonly taught language will require you to spend time dissecting, comparing, mining, and searching for the underlying mechanisms behind each syntax. *Why is it structured this way? Why is a particular suffix used?*

We've handpicked 50 essential Bengali sentences that highlight the key grammatical points you should grasp when learning Bengali. These sentences demonstrate how Bengali speakers employ indirect and direct objects, pronouns, and verb conjugations across present, past, and future tenses. You'll also discover useful verbs such as "can," "must," "like," and "want."

This is only the beginning.

Consider this guide as a practical booklet that you can quickly refer to whenever you need to review a basic Bengali structure. Compare the different sentences and start deriving their use cases and rules.

Are you ready to dive in? Let's get started!

English Bengali

Hello	Namaskar
Thank you	Dhonnobad
Excuse me (informal)	Map korbe
Excuse me (formal)	Map korben
Yes	Ha
No	Na
Today is Monday	Aaj Shombar
Tomorrow is Tuesday	Agamikal Mongolbar
Yesterday was Sunday	Gotokal Ronibar
My name is John	Amar naam John
I am Indian	Ami Indian
I am not American	Ami American na
I am 24	Amar boyosh 24
I have a sister	Amar ekta bon ache
What is it?	Eta ki?
This is an apple	Eta appel
This is not a pineapple	Eta anarosh na
I eat apples	Ami apel khai
I am eating an apple	Ami ekta apel khachhi
I ate an apple yesterday	Ami gotokal ekta apel keyechi
I will eat an apple tomorrow	Ami agamikal ekta apel khabo
I like eating apples	Ami apel pochondo kori
The apple is red	Apelti lal
It's John's apple	Eta Johner apel
It's not mine	Eta amar na



English Bengali

I am giving John an apple
I am not giving my sister an apple

Ami John ke ekta apel dichhi
Ami amar bon ke ekta apel dichhi na

We give him an apple everyday
He is giving it to John
She is giving it to John

Amra protidin take ekta apel di
Se John ke eta dichhe
Se John ke eta dichhe

I must eat
I must eat an apple
I must give the apple to John

Ami aboshoi khabo.
Ami aboshoi ekta apel khabo.
Ami John ke ekta apel aboshoi debo.

I want to eat
I want to eat an apple
He wants to give an apple
Do you want to give the apple to him?

Ami khete chai.
Ami ekta apel khete chai.
Se ekta apel dite chai.
Tumi ki take ekta apel dite chao?

I can eat the apple
She can't eat the apple
Can I eat the apple ?
Can I give the apple to John?

Ami apel khete pari.
Se apel khete pare na.
Ami ki apel khete pari ?
Ami ki John ke apel dite pari?

I have eaten an apple.
It was good.

Ami ekta apel kheyechi.
Ota bhalo chilo.

You ate my apple.
I don't want you to eat my apple.

Tumi amar apel kheyecho.
Ami chai na tumi amar apel khao.

I have given an apple to John.
He was happy.

Ami John ke ekta apel diyechi.
Se khub khushi hoyeche.

It's good to eat apples.
We all like apples.
Nobody likes apples.

Apel khaya bhalo.
Amra shobai apel pochondo kori.
Apel keu pochondo kore na.

Well done !

Great job on going through the Bengali quick guide!

You must be excited to start speaking Bengali with anyone you meet, but keep in mind that the dialect may differ depending on the speaker's background. Don't worry, you'll be understood as long as you have the basics down.

If you want to deepen your knowledge, you are in good hands. We are soon releasing our complete **Bengali Starter Pack**.

The course includes 28 videos with :

- Grammar concepts to crack the linguistic mechanism behind each sentence
- Vocabulary lists to enrich your conversations
- Dialogues with scripts and translations so you can train your ears to the sweet Bengali tone
- Exercises for practice and better assimilation

COMING SOON

To give you a taste of it, we have shared with you the first lesson.

If you have any questions about the course, please send a message through our Instagram or contact us at laury@bengalearn.com

We wish you a wonderful Bengali journey and hope to see you soon!

Bhalo thakben!

Bengalearn team

CONTINUE SCROLLING TO ACCESS
THE INITIAL LESSON OF THE
BENGALI STARTER PACK.



BEGINNER
level 1

BENGALI BEGINNER MASTER CLASS

Bengali Beginner Course Lesson 1

LESSON, SCRIPT, TRANSLATION, VOCABULARY, EXERCISE

WELCOME!

CONGRATULATIONS on taking the first step towards your goal of learning Bengali!

We understand that learning a new language from scratch can be challenging, especially when you want to connect with your partner and their family. We've been there too, and that's why we created this Beginner Starter Pack. Our native Bengali speaker, Kaushik, and I designed this course to cover the essential language structures, must-know expressions, and correct pronunciation.

Bridging the communication gap is key to feeling integrated and becoming a part of your partner's family. That's why I started my own Bengali learning journey. By becoming comfortable in the language, I can now communicate with my Bengali family-in-law and feel connected to them.

I understand the struggle of finding quality resources to learn Bengali online. Even if you have Bengali-speaking friends or relatives, they may not be the best teachers.

But fear not, as you are now on the right track to start your journey in Bengali, and I warmly welcome you to the Bengali Starter Pack. Although I am not a Bengali myself, my partner Kaushik, a native Bengali speaker from Kolkata, India, helped design this course. Together, we have determined the most important language structures, Bengali expressions, and pronunciation. Kaushik will be the main speaker in the videos, and while you might hear me speaking in the dialogues, please don't mind my accent, as it is still a work in progress and improving slowly but surely.

This course is designed for students at a Level 0 proficiency and covers the full basics of the Bengali language. Whether you're starting from scratch or looking to consolidate your understanding of the fundamentals, this course will provide a strong foundation for your language learning journey. And if you already have some familiarity with Bengali, that's great! You can use this course to build upon your existing knowledge and take your skills to the next level.

To ensure that you get the most out of this course, we have some advice for you:

- **Journaling:** Writing can be a powerful tool for helping your brain to deeply assimilate new concepts over the long-term. We recommend that you keep a notebook handy while listening to the course videos. Use it to build vocabulary lists, jot down grammar points, mix words, and complete exercises. This will allow you to track your progress and see your constant self-improvement throughout the weeks. It's a great way to stay motivated and keep moving forward!
- **Dialogues:** They are an essential part of this course as they help you train your ears to listen to daily conversations in Bengali and make them more familiar. We recommend that you listen to each dialogue at least once without checking the translation in the workbook. Try to pick up the words you understand, get the main story behind the conversation, and then check the workbook to see if you got it right. This exercise will help you improve your listening and comprehension skills.

Additionally, you can work on your pronunciation by repeating the dialogues out loud.
Please note that the video is not included in this free version of the course.

As the course progresses, we will provide you with challenges, exercises, and additional resources to keep you engaged in your practice.

- **End-of-course feedback:** At the end of this journey, we would appreciate your feedback. We will provide you with a form to fill out, just to make sure we are always delivering the best possible learning experience. Thanks in advance for your valuable input!

With all the resources now at your disposal, you're all set to begin your Bengali learning journey in earnest!

Cholo shuru kora jak !*

Let's start*

**Follow us and get a
360 Bengali learning experience**



[bengalearn_](https://www.instagram.com/bengalearn_)



[bengalearn](https://www.pinterest.com/bengalearn)



1

OBJECTIVE

BREAK THE ICE



OBJECTIVE 1

VIDEO 3 - GREETINGS

I will always cherish the memory of the first time I confidently greeted my Bengali-speaking partner with "Kamon Acho?" It is such a simple gesture for any Bengali native, but coming from me, it really felt special for him. I was showing my efforts into learning his mother tongue.

That's why I believe it's essential for you to make mastering Bengali **greetings** your first goal. Learning how to greet someone in their native language can truly make a difference in building connections and showing respect for their culture. So, let's start with the basics and work our way up from there!

VOCABULARY

SAYING HELLO

Namaskar	Hello
Suprabahat	Good morning
Subha shandhya	Good evening
Subha ratri	Good night

MEETING SOMEONE

Tomar sathe dekha kore bhalo laglo
Nice to meet you
Tomar sathe dekha kore amaro bhalo laglo
Nice to meet you too

GRAMMAR BREAK

Let's break down the sentence for 'Nice to meet you'. In Bengali, this is transformed into 'Tomar sathe dekha kore bhalo laglo'. An approximate literal translation is 'With you, to meet it was good'. Note that the verb is always at the end of the sentence due to the language structure, which we will explore further in the next lesson."

Tomar sathe dekha kore bhalo laglo.

Tomar (your) + sathe (with)
= Tomar sathe (with you)

Dekha kore
To meet

Bhalo = good
Bhalo laglo = It was good

If you want to add 'too' like 'nice to meet you too', you need to transform the sentence into 'It was good to meet with you for me too'.

Tomar sathe dekha kore amaro bhalo laglo.

Tomar (your) + sathe (with)
= Tomar sathe (with you)

Dekha kore
To meet

Amar (my) + o =
Amaro (to/for me)

Bhalo = good
Bhalo laglo = It was good

HOW ARE YOU ?

Kamon acho ?	How are you ?
Ami bhalo achi	I am good
Tumi ?	And you ?
Ami khub bhalo achi	I am very good

WELCOME SOMEONE

Shu-swagatam	Welcome to my house
Nijer barite acho mone koro	Make yourself at home
Dhonnobad	Thank you

SAYING GOODBYE

Tomar sathe katha bole bhalo laglo
Bhalo thakbe/thakben
Din bhalo katuk
Abar dekha hobe
Chollam

It was nice talking to you
Take care (informal/formal)
Have a nice day
See you later
Bye

DIALOGUE IN THE VIDEO

In the video, which is exclusive to the Bengali Master Class learners, you'll find a short dialogue that will help you get accustomed to Bengali pronunciation, test your comprehension skills, and discover new words. After listening to the dialogue, you can check the script and the translation.

If you don't have access to the video, start by reading the Bengali script and try to understand the gist of the conversation. Identify the words that you've learned so far and make a list of the words you don't know yet.

Then, refer to the translation to get a complete understanding of the Bengali dialogue and match the Bangla words with their English translation.

SCRIPT

- Hey ki korcho ?
- Kichu natun na.
- Hm shotti ?
- Ha.
- Ami tomake biswas kori na. Ki hoyeche ?
- Kichu na, ami klanto.
- Ah Ok jotna niyo, bhalo thakben.
- Dhonnobad, abar dekha hobe.

TRANSLATION

- Hey, what are you doing/ what's up ?
- Nothing new.
- Oh really ?
- Yes.
- I don't believe you. What happened ?
- Nothing, I am tired.
- Ah Ok Take care then, stay well.
- Thanks, see you again

The orange bubble accompanying each dialogue will list down the vocabulary used in it. It's highly recommended that you maintain your own vocabulary lists in your notebook as well. This will help you review and memorize the words more effectively and refer back to them whenever you need to.

VOCABULARY

Biswas kora: To trust, believe	Kichu : Something
Dhonnobad: Thank you	Kichu na : Nothing
Ha : Yes	Natun : New
Na : No	Dekha : To see
Ki : What	Ami : I
Klanto : Tired	Tumi : You
	Katuk : Spend

EXERCISE GREETINGS

1. How do you say ' How are you ? ' in Bengali ?
2. How do you say 'Take Care' in Bengali ? Formal / Informal
3. 'Nice to meet you' in Bengali (informal version) ?
4. 'Thank you' in Bengali ?
5. How do you say 'It was nice talking to you' in Bengali. Hint: Same structure as 'Nice to meet you'.
6. What does ' Subha shandhya' mean in English ?
7. [Vocabulary from the dialogue] Something / Nothing in Bengali
8. [Vocabulary from the dialogue] 'I am good / I am tired' in Bengali ?
9. 'See you later' in Bengali ?
10. 'Make yourself at home' in Bengali ?

ANSWERS

1. Kamon acho ?
2. Bhalo thakben / Bhalo thakbe (Thakben is the formal structure while Thakbe is the informal one.)
3. Tomar sathe dekha kore bhalo laglo
4. Dhonnobad
5. Tomar sathe katha bole bhalo laglo
6. Good evening
7. Kichu / Kichu na
8. Ami bhalo achi / Ami klanto
9. Abar dekha hobe
10. Nijer barite acho mone koro

bengal**learn**

**Follow us to get a complete 360-degree
Bengali learning experience!**



[bengallearn_](#)



[bengallearn](#)