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Lesson 1: English – Kannada: have = ಹೊಂದಿರು (hondiru)

Learn Kannada from English with a fun deep-dive into the verb have and real-life possession phrases. Master have = ಹೊಂದಿರು (hondiru) plus everyday forms: I have ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nangage ide), you have (informal) ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೆ (ninage ide), he has ಅವನಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avanige ide), she has ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avalige ide), it has ಅದಕೆ ಇದೆ (adakke ide), we have ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide), you have (polite/plural) ನೀವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಾರಿ (nīvu hondid-dīri), they have ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ (avaru hondiddāre). Perfect for English to Kannada learners seeking clear patterns, catchy drills, and quick culture tips.

Welcome

Hey you, welcome! This show is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and freebies.

Say hello to Kannada: ನಮಸ್ಕಾರ (namaskāra)! Today we'll turn the verb have into your superpower, with jokes, beats, and bite-sized drills. Buckle up – your brain already 'has' this.

Your learning goal today

By the end, you'll confidently say every core form of have in Kannada. Ready? Let's lock them in.

- have → ಹೊಂದಿರು (honḍiṛu)
- I have → ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ide)
- you have (informal, singular) → ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೆ (ninage ide)
- he has → ಅವನಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avanige ide)
- she has → ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avalige ide)
- it has → ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದೆ (adakke ide)
- we have → ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide)
- you have (polite/plural) → ನಿಂವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu hon-diddīri)
- they have → ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದಾರೆ (avaru hondiddāre)
- Pro tip: Everyday Kannada often uses 'to X, there is' (dative + ಇದೆ (ide)) to express 'have'.

Beat the forms

Clap or tap along – rhythm helps memory. Repeat after me.

- have: ಹೊಂದಿರು (honḍiṛu). Clap – hon-ḍi-ru.
- I have: ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ide)... na-na-ge i-de.
- you have (informal): ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೆ (ninage ide)... ni-na-ge i-de.

- he has: ಅವನಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avanige ide). she has: ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avalige ide).
- it has: ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದೆ (adakke ide). a-dak-ke i-de!
- we have: ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide). na-ma-ge i-de.
- you have (polite/plural): ನೀವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ (nīvu hondid-dīri). ni-VU hon-di-DDI-ri!
- they have: ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದಾರೆ (avaru hondiddāre). a-va-ru hon-did-DA-re!

Mini dialogue: Do you have it?

Listen to this quick scene – spot each form.

- A: Do you have the pen? (informal) B: Yes, you do – ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೆ (ninage ide).
- A: Great. I have the notebook – ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide).
- B: He has the tickets – ಅವನಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avanige ide). She has the snacks – ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avalige ide).
- A: The bag? It has the map – ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದೆ (adakke ide).
- B: Relax, we have time – ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide).
- A (to the group, polite): You have the IDs – ನೀವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ (nīvu hondid-dīri).
- B: And they have the cash – ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದಾರೆ (avaru hondiddāre). Let's go!

Quick examples you can use

Say these out loud – short, real, and useful.

- I have an idea: ನನಗೆ ಒಂದು ಕಲ್ಪನೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ondu kalpane ide).
- Do you have time? (informal): ನಿನಗೆ ಸಮಯ ಇದೆಯೆ? (ninaage samaya ideye?)
- He has a book: ಅವನಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಇದೆ (avanige ondu pustaka ide).
- She has an umbrella: ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಭಟ್ಟಿ ಇದೆ (avalige chhatri ide).
- It has a new feature: ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಸ ವ್ಯುತ್ಪಿಷ್ಟು ಇದೆ (adakke hosa vaiśiṣṭya ide).
- We have a plan: ನಮಗೆ ಯೋಜನೆ ಇದೆ (namage yojane ide).
- You have two tickets (polite): ನೀವು ಎರಡು ಟಿಕೆಟ್‌ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ (nīvu eraḍu tīket hondiddīri).
- They have many books: ಅವರು ಹಲವು ಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದಾರೆ (avaru halavu pustakagalannu hondid-dāre).

Culture tip: How Kannada says “have”

Here's the tiny grammar gem that makes everything click.

In everyday Kannada, possession usually uses a ‘to X, there is’ pattern: dative + ಇದೆ (ide). So ‘I have’ is literally ‘to me, there is’ → ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ide). The base verb ‘have’ – ಹೊಂದಿರು (hondidiru) – also exists and appears in forms like ನೀವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ (nīvu hondiddīri), ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದಾರೆ (avaru

hondiddāre), especially in formal or written styles. Mix-and-match awareness = turbo comprehension.

Laugh break

A quick pun to lock it in.

My backpack said, “Relax, you already have five pens.” In Kannada, it winked: “ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೆ (ninage ide)... and maybe one snack I borrowed.”

Pop quiz time

Answer out loud; I'll reveal it after a beat.

- Q1) Translate: they have. A) ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ (avaru hondiddāre)
- Q2) Translate: we have. A) ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide)
- Q3) Translate: you have (polite/plural). A) ನೀವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu hondiddīri)
- Q4) Translate: I have. A) ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ide)
- Q5) What's the base verb for have? A) ಹೊಂದಿರು (hondīrū)

30-second challenge

Ready for speed? Say them with one breath and a grin.

- I have → ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ide).
- you have (informal) → ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೆ (ninage ide).

- he has → ಅವನಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avanige ide); she has → ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಇದೆ (avalige ide).
- it has → ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದೆ (adakke ide); we have → ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide).
- you have (polite/plural) → ನೀವು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೀರಿ (nīvu hon-diddīri); they have → ಅವರು ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ (avaru hondid-dāre).
- Victory lap: have = ಹೊಂದಿರು (honḍid-)

Wrap-up and next steps

You nailed it – nice work!

Today you mastered have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have, and they have – with ಹೊಂದಿರು (honḍid-*re*) and the dative pattern. Keep practicing these lines during your day: keys? ನನಗೆ ಇದೆ (nanage ide); tickets? ನಮಗೆ ಇದೆ (namage ide). Thanks for listening! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more lessons, drills, and printables at www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 2: English – Kannada: Master “to be” with ಇರು (iru) – I am, you are, we are

Learn English – Kannada basics with a fun, fast podcast on the verb “to be” – ಇರು (iru). We’ll practice real-life forms: I am ನಾನು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ (nānu iddēne), you are (sg.) ನೀನು ಇದ್ದೀಯ (nīnu iddīya), he is ಅವನು ಇದಾನೆ (avanu iddāne), she is ಅವಳು ಇದಾಳೆ (avalu iddāle), it is ಇದೆ (ide), we are ನಾವು ಇದ್ದೇವೆ (nāvu iddēvē), you are (pl.) ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu iddīri), they are ಅವರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ (avaru iddāre). Perfect for beginners who want clear pronunciation, quick drills, and laugh-out-loud moments while learning Kannada.

Welcome

Hey you, welcome! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and free practice tools.

Today we’ll unlock the Kannada verb “to be,” aka ಇರು (iru), with quick wins, jokes, and drills you can shout on the bus. Deep breath... ready? Let’s be!

Your goal today

By the end, you’ll say every core “to be” form confidently. Stay with me and speak out loud!

- Target verb: “to be” = ඇரා (iru).
- I am = නාමු ඇදේනේ (nānu iddēne).
- You are (singular, informal) = නීතු ඇධියෙ (nīnu iddīya).
- He is = පෙනු ඇඟාන් (avanu iddāne).
- She is = පෙළු ඇඟාල් (avalu iddāle).
- It is = ඇයේ (ide).
- We are = නාවු ඇදේවේ (nāvu iddēve).
- You are (plural/formal) = නීවු ඇධිරි (nīvu iddīri).
- They are = පෙරු ඇඟාරේ (avaru iddāre).

Comedy warm-up

Let’s warm up with a silly mini-scene. You’re the star – talk back to me!

- You whisper to your keys, “Please exist.” You find them and cheer: “It is here!” → ඇලි ඇයේ (illi ide).
- You step into the room like a superhero: “I am here!” → නාමු ඇලි ඇදේනේ (nānu illi iddēne).
- Your friend finally shows up. You grin: “You are here!” → නීතු ඇලි ඇධියෙ (nīnu illi iddīya).
- Roll call moment: “We are ready!” → නාවු සිද්ධ ඇදේවේ (nāvu siddha iddēve).

Forms quick tour

Repeat after me – short, clear, confident.

- Base verb: ಇರು (iru).
- I am: ನಾನು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ (nānu iddēne).
- You are (sg.): ನೀನು ಇದ್ದೀಯ (nīnu iddīya).
- He is: ಅವನು ಇದ್ದಾನೆ (avanu iddāne).
- She is: ಅವಳು ಇದ್ದಾಳೆ (avalu iddāle).
- It is: ಇದೆ (ide).
- We are: ನಾವು ಇದ್ದೇವೆ (nāvu iddēve).
- You are (pl./formal): ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu iddīri).
- They are: ಅವರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ (avaru iddāre).

Call and response

I cue English, you shout the Kannada. Go big or your couch won't hear you!

- to be → ಇರು (iru)
- I am → ನಾನು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ (nānu iddēne)
- you are (sg.) → ನೀನು ಇದ್ದೀಯ (nīnu iddīya)
- he is → ಅವನು ಇದ್ದಾನೆ (avanu iddāne)
- she is → ಅವಳು ಇದ್ದಾಳೆ (avalu iddāle)
- it is → ಇದೆ (ide)
- we are → ನಾವು ಇದ್ದೇವೆ (nāvu iddēve)

- you are (pl.) → ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu iddīri)
- they are → ಅವರು ಇದಾರೆ (avaru iddāre)

Mini dialogue

Try this quick scene with me. You do you; I'll be everyone else.

- A: Where are you? B: ನಾನು ಇಲ್ಲ ಇದ್ದೇನೆ (nānu illi iddēne).
- A: Great. Is she here? B: ಅವಳು ಇದಾರೆ (avalu iddāre).
- A: And Rahul? B: ಅವನು ಇದಾನೆ (avanu iddāne).
- A: The tickets? B: ಇದೆ (ide)! (It is here!)
- A: Our team? B: ನಾವು ಇದ್ದೇವೆ (nāvu iddēve).
- A: The audience – are you all here? Crowd: ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu iddīri)!
- A: Performers? Usher: ಅವರು ಇದಾರೆ (avaru iddāre).

Quiz time

Fast quiz – answer out loud. No pressure, only points and glory!

- Q1: Which Kannada verb means “to be”? A: ಇರು (iru).
- Q2: Say “I am” in Kannada. A: ನಾನು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ (nānu iddēne).
- Q3: You (singular) are? A: ನೀನು ಇದ್ದಿಯ (nīnu iddīya).
- Q4: They are? A: ಅವರು ಇದಾರೆ (avaru iddāre).
- Q5: It is? A: ಇದೆ (ide).

Culture tip

Tiny real-life hack to boost your street smarts in Kannada.

In shops and cafes you'll often see signs like “Tea ಇದೆ (ide)” meaning “Tea is available/It is there.” Also, use ನೀನು ಇದ್ದಿಯ (nīnu iddīya) with close friends (singular), and ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu iddīri) for groups or polite address.

Speed challenge

Ready for a rapid-fire sprint? Deep breath – go!

- Say the base verb three times: ಇರು ಇರು ಇರು (iru iru iru).
- Build a chain: “We are here, they are outside.” → ನಾವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದೇವೆ (nāvu illi iddēve), ಅವರು ಹೊರಗೆ ಇದಾದರೆ (avaru horage iddāre).
- Mini roll call: I am, you are (sg.), he is, she is, it is, we are, you are (pl.), they are – go! Then repeat my version: ನಾನು ಇದ್ದೇನೆ (nānu iddēne), ನೀನು ಇದ್ದಿಯ (nīnu iddīya), ಅವನು ಇದಾದನೆ (avanu iddāne), ಅವಜು ಇದಾದಳೆ (avalu iddāle), ಇದೆ (ide), ನಾವು ಇದ್ದೇವೆ (nāvu iddēve), ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ (nīvu iddīri), ಅವರು ಇದಾದರೆ (avaru iddāre).

Wrap-up

Nice work – your Kannada ‘to be’ game is strong!

Thanks for listening, brought to you by SynapseLingo. Keep practicing ಇರು (iru) forms every day, and visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, drills, and freebies. You are awesome – ನೀವು ಇದ್ದಿರಿ ಅದುಭುತ್ (nīvu iddīri adbhuta)!

Lesson 3: English – Kannada: Learn “go” = ಹೋಗು (hōgu)

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this funny, fast-paced episode helps you learn Kannada from English with the key verb “go” – ಹೋಗು (hōgu). Master real-life forms like “I go” ನಾನು ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇನೆ (nānu hōguttēne), “you go” (informal) ನೀನು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿರು (nīnu hōguttīra), “you go” (polite) ನೀವು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿರಿ (nīvu hōguttīri), “he goes” ಅವನು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ (avanu hōguttāne), “it goes” ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ (hōguttade), “we go” ನಾವು ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇವೆ (nāvu hōguttēve), and “they go” ಅವರು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ (avaru hōguttāre). Perfect for English – Kannada learners seeking clear conjugations, pronunciation, and everyday phrases.

SynapseLingo Welcome

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Today you and I will nail the English – Kannada verb “go” – ಹೋಗು (hōgu) – with jokes, beats, and mini challenges. Buckle up!

Your goal today

You'll speak the full set of everyday forms with confidence. Short, fun, and totally doable.

By the end, you'll say "I go," "you go," "he goes," "it goes," "we go," "you (polite) go," and "they go" smoothly in Kannada – plus a cheeky "Let's go!" for real life.

Beat-the-Verb: Forms

Clap a simple 1 – 2 beat and echo each line after me. Ready?

- I go → ನಾನು ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇನೆ (nānu hōguttēne)
- you go (informal) → ನಿನು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿಯ (nīnu hōguttīya)
- he goes → ಅವನು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾನೆ (avanu hōguttāne)
- she goes → ಅವಳು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾಳೆ (avalu hōguttāle)
- it goes → ಹೋಗುತ್ತದೆ (hōguttade)
- we go → ನಾವು ಹೋಗುತ್ತೇವೆ (nāvu hōguttēve)
- you go (polite/plural) → ನಿವು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿರಿ (nīvu hōguttīri)
- they go → ಅವರು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರೆ (avaru hōguttāre)
- the base verb "go" → ಹೋಗು (hōgu)
- Let's go! → ಹೋಗೋಣ (hōgōṇa)

Mini dialogue: Late for the bus

Act this out with me – give it some drama!