

Thai for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Thai Verb have = ມີ (mii): I have, you have, we have

Learn Thai from English with a fun, bite-size lesson on the verb “have” – ມີ (mii). We’ll master the core patterns: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, they have – and say them naturally as ດ້ວຍ (chan mii), ດ້ວຍໃຈ (khun mii), ດ້ວຍເຈົ້າ (khao mii), ດ້ວຍເຫຼືອ (thoe mii), ດ້ວຍໃນ (man mii), ດ້ວຍເຫຼັກຮາວ (phuak rao mii), ດ້ວຍເຫຼັກຂາວ (phuak khao mii). Perfect for beginners who want clear pronunciation, real-life examples, and quick drills. Practice along and build confident English – Thai speaking skills.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey du! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and study boosts. Ready to laugh, learn, and level up your Thai?

Warm-up: the English verb “have” is Thai ມີ (mii). Say it like a friendly bee: miiiii. Anytime you say “I have,” you’ll add a subject in front: ທີ່ມີ (chan mii) for I have, ຂົ່ງມີ (khun mii) for you have, and so on. Easy, right?

Your goal today

By the end, you’ll say every form of “have” with a smile and a solid accent.

- have → ມີ (mii)
- I have → ທີ່ມີ (chan mii)
- you have → ຂົ່ງມີ (khun mii)
- he has → ຂາວມີ (khao mii)
- she has → ທອນມີ (thoe mii)
- it has → ມັນມີ (man mii)
- we have → ພູກຮາວມີ (phuak rao mii)
- they have → ພູກຂາວມີ (phuak khao mii)

Funny memory hooks

Let’s glue these to your brain with a little humor.

- Magician time: “Abra-ka – ມີ (mii)!” Suddenly, snacks appear.

- Chest tap + open palm = ចាន មី (chan mii) (I have).
- Point to your friend like a movie poster hero: កុង មី (khun mii) (you have).
- Cow says “meee”: that’s “he has” → កាហូ មី (khao mii).
- Her superhero entrance: ធម៌ មី (thoe mii) courage.
- Robot voice for objects: ម៉ាន មី (man mii) two doors.
- Team huddle chant: ធម៌ រោខោ មី (phuak rao mii) a plan!
- Crowd power: ធម៌ ខាង មី (phuak khao mii) everything!

Mini dialogues

Speak with me – short, punchy, and useful.

- A: Do you have time? B: Yes, ចាន មី គេឡា (chan mii welaa).
- A: He has a plan. B: Right, កាហូ មី (khao mii phaen).
- A: She has the key. B: Confirmed, ធម៌ គុន ជោ (thoe mii kun-jae).
- A: It has two doors. B: ម៉ាន មី ព្រាតុ សង បាន (man mii pratuu song baan).
- A: We have tickets. B: ធម៌ មី ពុក (phuak rao mii tua).
- A: They have snacks. B: ធម៌ មី ខាង នាមុ (phuak khao mii khanom).

Culture tip

Here's how it sounds in the wild.

At Thai markets, ask politely and you'll often hear a cheerful ມີ (mii) when they have it. Try: “Do you have mango?” → ຂຸ້ມີມາມູນ (khun mii ma-muang mai). If not, you'll hear ມາຍີ (mai mii) – no worries, the next stall might!

Call-and-response drill

You speak; I'll reveal the answer after a pause.

- Say “I have a pen.” Answer: ຂ້າມີປາກ (chan mii paak-kaa).
- Say “you have water.” Answer: ຂ້າມີນ້າ (khun mii naam).
- Say “he has money.” Answer: ຂ້າມີນູອນ (khao mii ngoen).
- Say “she has an idea.” Answer: ຂ້ອມີອີດ (thoe mii ai-dia).
- Say “it has a red cover.” Answer: ມັນມີປົກສີດຳເງົງ (man mii pok sii daeng).
- Say “we have time.” Answer: ພູກຮາວມີເວລາ (phuak rao mii welaa).
- Say “they have a car.” Answer: ພູກຂາວມີຮົດ (phuak khao mii rot).

Quick quiz

Test time – fast and fun!

- Q1: What's Thai for "have"? A: ມີ (mii).
- Q2: Translate "I have": A: ຂ້າມີ (chan mii).
- Q3: Which one means "they have": ຂ້າມີ (khao mii) or ພູກຂ້າມີ (phuak khao mii)? A: ພູກຂ້າມີ (phuak khao mii).
- Q4: Say "we have a plan." A: ພູກຮ້າມີພ້ານ (phuak rao mii phaen).

Challenge story

Now a tiny story – hit all forms in one go.

At the station, you grin: "I have tickets" → ຂ້າມີຫຼັກຕົກ (chan mii tua). Your friend nods: "you have the snacks" → ຂຸນມີຫຼັກບັນ (khun mii khanom). The guide whispers "he has the map" → ຂ້າມີພ້ານທີ່ (khao mii phaen-thii), and "she has cash" → ທ້ອມີນົກນົດສົດ (thoe mii ngoen sot). Our backpack? It has three pockets → ມີສຳໜົດສຳໜົດສຳໜົດ (man mii saam chong). We have time → ຂ້າມີເວລາ (phuak rao mii welaa), and they have a car → ພູກຂ້າມີຮົດ (phuak khao mii rot). Moral of the story: if you have ມີ (mii), you're ready!

Goodbye and next steps

Nice work – your Thai just leveled up!

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing "have," "I have," "you have," "he has," "she has," "it has," "we have," and

“they have” with quick daily drills. For more lessons, exercises, and laughs, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – see you next time!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: Thai to be made easy: be บี บี บี บี (pen), I am ຂ້າ ປ້າ ຂ້າ ປ້າ ຂ້າ ປ້າ (chan pen)

Learn the English – Thai verb ‘to be’ with a funny, fast podcast: be → บี (pen), I am → ຂ້າປ້າ (chan pen), you are (sing.) → ຂຸນຂຸເ (khun khue), he is → ຂາວປັນ (khao pen), she is → ທອນປັນ (thoe pen), it is → ມັນຂຸເ (man khue), we are → ພູກຮາວປັນ (phuak rao pen), you are (plural) → ພູກຂຸນປັນ (phuak khun pen), they are → ພູກຂາວປັນ (phuak khao pen). Perfect for English speakers learning Thai pronunciation and usage with role vs. definition tips. Practice with dialogues, drills, a mini-quiz, and culture notes, all spoken-friendly for easy repetition.

Welcome

Hey you, welcome! This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab extra notes and freebies at www.synapse-lingo.com.

Today we power up your Thai ‘to be’ – with laughs, quick wins, and real-life lines. If a buzzing bee shows up, tell it politely: not bee, be – aka ພົມ (pen)!

Your goal today

Your mission: master all everyday forms of ‘to be’ in Thai – fast and fun. Repeat aloud; your mouth learns faster than your memory.

- be → ພົມ (pen) (link to roles/identities)
- I am → ພົມຂົມ (chan pen)
- you are (sing.) → ພົມຂຸເ (khun khue)
- he is → ພົມຂາວ (khao pen)
- she is → ພົມທອ (thoe pen)
- it is → ພົມມານ (man khue)
- we are → ພົມພູກຮາວ (phuak rao pen)
- you are (plural) → ພົມພູກຂຸເ (phuak khun pen)
- they are → ພົມພູກຂາວ (phuak khao pen)

Forms at a glance

Warm-up time – say it with me. Big voice, big brain.

- I am a student → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າຂ້າວ້າ (chan pen nak rian)
- You are the winner (sing.) → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (khun khue phu chana)
- He is a teacher → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (khaow pen khruu)
- She is my friend → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (thoe pen phuean khong chan)
- It is a book → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (man khue nang sue)
- We are a team → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (phuak rao pen thim)
- You are students (plural) → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (phuak khun pen nak rian)
- They are doctors → ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (phuak khao pen mo)

Laugh and learn dialogues

Mini-scenes to make it stick. Smile while you speak!

- At the mystery table: A: What's this? B: It is a key – ດ້ວຍເຫັນວ່າຂ້າວ້າ (man khue gun-jae). A: Great, because my door is dramatic.

- At the award show: Host: And the champion is... you! คุณชนะ (khun khue phu chana)! You: Do I get snacks?
- New class intro: You: He is the new teacher – คุณครูใหม่ (khao pen khruu khon mai). Friend: She is the real boss – หัวหน้าจริงๆ (thoe pen hua na)!
- Team huddle: We are ready – พร้อมแล้ว (phuak rao pen khon phrom). Coach to crowd: They are legends – ทีมงานเด่น (phuak khao pen tamnan)!

Drill time

Echo me like a catchy chorus. Three rounds, clean and confident.

- be → บี (pen) ... be → บี (pen) ... be → บี (pen)
- I am → ฉันเป็น (chan pen) ... I am → ฉันเป็น (chan pen)
- you are (sing.) → คุณชนะ (khun khue) ... คุณชนะ (khun khue)
- he is → เขาเป็น (khao pen) ... she is → หัวหน้าจริงๆ (thoe pen)
- it is → มันชนะ (man khue) ... we are → ทีมงานเด่น (phuak rao pen)
- you are (plural) → ทุกคนเป็น (phuak khun pen) ... they are → ทุกคนเป็น (phuak khao pen)

Culture tip

Tiny trick: Thai has flavors of ‘to be’. Here’s how to sound native.

- Use คือ (pen) with roles and identities: I am a teacher → คุณครูคือคน (chan pen khruu).
- Use คือ (khue) to define or label: It is a book → คือหนังสือ (man khue nang sue). (Commonly spelled คือหนัง.)
- For location/state, use อยู่ (yuu), not ‘to be’: I am at home → คุณอยู่บ้าน (chan yuu ban).
- Pro tip: Both คุณคือ (khun khue) and คุณเป็น (khun pen) can map to you are; here we’re practicing คุณคือ (khun khue) for clear definitions.

Quick quiz

Answer out loud. I’ll pause so you can win the moment.

- Translate: They are students. Say → คุณคือนักเรียน (phuak khao pen nak rian).
- Translate: We are a team. Say → คุณคือทีม (phuak rao pen thim).
- Pick the right phrase for it is a key: คุณคือกุญแจ (man khue gun-jae).
- Fix it: Don’t say location with อยู่. I am at home = คุณอยู่บ้าน (chan yuu ban), not คุณบ้าน.

Your speaking challenge

Your turn – craft three lines about yourself and your squad. Smile and go!

- Line 1 about you: I am a learner → ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າ (chan pen phu rian). Add your own noun!
- Line 2 to a friend (sing.): You are amazing → ຂູ່ຈຸດແຈ້ງ (khun khue khon keng).
- Line 3 with your group: We are ready → ພູກຮ້າມແຈ້ງ (phuak rao pen khon phrom). Bonus: Address the whole team – You (plural) are champions → ພູກຂຸນແຈ້ງ (phuak khun pen chaem).

Wrap-up

Nice work – your Thai ‘to be’ just leveled up.

Thanks for learning with SynapseLingo! Keep practicing: be → ເປັນ (pen), I am → ຂ້າພະເຈົ້າ (chan pen), you are (sing.) → ຂູ່ຈຸດແຈ້ງ (khun khue), he is → ຂາວພະເຈົ້າ (khao pen), she is → ທ້ອນພະເຈົ້າ (thoe pen), it is → ມັນຈຸດແຈ້ງ (man khue), we are → ພູກຮ້າມແຈ້ງ (phuak rao pen), you are (plural) → ພູກຂຸນແຈ້ງ (phuak khun pen), they are → ພູກຂາວພະເຈົ້າ (phuak khao pen). For more resources, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English – Thai: go = ພາ (pai) – master “you go” to “they go” fast

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Thai mini-lesson helps you learn the Thai verb “go” fast: go = ພາ (pai) (also heard as ບ່າ (bpai)). You’ll practice “you go,” “he goes,” “she goes,” “we go,” “you (plural) go,” “they go,” and the everyday mood word “so-so” = ຮູ້ເຮັດ (rueai-rueai). Get clear examples, quick drills, and cultural tips so you can speak Thai in real life. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and free practice.

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