

Thai for Beginners

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Lesson 1

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

Learn Thai from English with a fun, bite-size lesson on the verb “have” – มี (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 มีฉัน มี (chan mii), มีคุณ มี (khun mii), มีเขา มี (khao mii), มีเธอ มี (thoe mii), มีมัน มี (man mii), มีพวกเรา มี (phuak rao mii), มีพวกเขา มี (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 มี (mii). Say it like a friendly bee: miiiii. Anytime you say “I have,” you’ll add a subject in front: ฉันมี (chan mii) for I have, คุณมี (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 → มี (mii)
- I have → ฉันมี (chan mii)
- you have → คุณมี (khun mii)
- he has → เขามี (khao mii)
- she has → เธอมี (thoe mii)
- it has → มันมี (man mii)
- we have → เรามี (phuak rao mii)
- they have → เขามี (phuak khao mii)

Funny memory hooks

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

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

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

Mini dialogues

Speak with me – short, punchy, and useful.

- A: Do you have time? B: Yes, □□□□□□□□□□ (chan mii welaa).
- A: He has a plan. B: Right, □□□□□□□□□□ (khao mii phaen).
- A: She has the key. B: Confirmed, □□□□□□□□□□ (thoe mii kun-jae).
- A: It has two doors. B: □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (man mii pratau song baan).
- A: We have tickets. B: □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (phuak rao mii tua).
- A: They have snacks. B: □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (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 □□ (mii) when they have it. Try: "Do you have mango?" → □□□□□□□□□□□□ (khun mii ma-muang mai). If not, you'll hear □□□□ (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: □□□□□□□□ (chan mii paak-kaa).
- Say "you have water." Answer: □□□□□□□□ (khun mii naam).
- Say "he has money." Answer: □□□□□□□□ (khao mii ngoen).
- Say "she has an idea." Answer: □□□□□□□□□□ (thoe mii ai-dia).
- Say "it has a red cover." Answer: □□□□□□□□□□ (man mii pok sii daeng).
- Say "we have time." Answer: □□□□□□□□□□ (phuak rao mii welaa).
- Say "they have a car." Answer: □□□□□□□□□□ (phuak khao mii rot).

Quick quiz

Test time – fast and fun!

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

Challenge story

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

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

Learn the English – Thai verb ‘to be’ with a funny, fast podcast: be → □□□□ (pen), I am → □□□□□□ (chan pen), you are (sing.) → □□□□□□ (khun khue), he is → □□□□□□ (khao pen), she is → □□□□□□ (thoe pen), it is → □□□□□□ (man khue), we are → □□□□□□□□ (phuak rao pen), you are (plural) → □□□□□□□□ (phuak khun pen), they are → □□□□□□□□ (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 □□□□ (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 → □□□□ (pen) (link to roles/identities)
- I am → □□□□□□ (chan pen)
- you are (sing.) → □□□□□□ (khun khue)
- he is → □□□□□□ (khao pen)
- she is → □□□□□□ (thoe pen)
- it is → □□□□□□ (man khue)
- we are → □□□□□□□□ (phuak rao pen)
- you are (plural) → □□□□□□□□ (phuak khun pen)
- they are → □□□□□□□□ (phuak khao pen)

Forms at a glance

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

- I am a student → □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (chan pen nak rian)
- You are the winner (sing.) → □□□□□□□□□□□□ (khun khue phu chana)
- He is a teacher → □□□□□□□□□□ (khao pen khruu)
- She is my friend → □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (thoe pen phuean khong chan)
- It is a book → □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (man khue nang sue)
- We are a team → □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (phuak rao pen thim)
- You are students (plural) → □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (phuak khun pen nak rian)
- They are doctors → □□□□□□□□□□□□□□ (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 – □□□□□□□□□□□□ (man khue gun-jae). A: Great, because my door is dramatic.

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

Drill time

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

- be → □□□□ (pen) ... be → □□□□ (pen) ... be →
□□□□ (pen)
- I am → □□□□□□ (chan pen) ... I am →
□□□□□□ (chan pen)
- you are (sing.) → □□□□□□ (khun khue) ...
□□□□□□ (khun khue)
- he is → □□□□□□ (khao pen) ... she is →
□□□□□□ (thoe pen)
- it is → □□□□□□ (man khue) ... we are →
□□□□□□□□ (phuak rao pen)
- you are (plural) → □□□□□□□□ (phuak khun pen) ... they are → □□□□□□□□ (phuak khao pen)

Culture tip

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

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

Quick quiz

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

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

Your speaking challenge

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

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

Wrap-up

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

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

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: English – Thai: go = □□ (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 = □□ (pai) (also heard as □□ (bpai)). You’ll practice “you go,” “he goes,” “she goes,” “we go,” “you (plural) go,” “they go,” and the everyday mood word “so-so” = □□□□□□ (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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