

Tagalog for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Tagalog: Have = magkaroon – I have to They have

Learn Tagalog fast from English with the essential verb have and its daily forms. We map have → magkaroon, plus I have → mayroon ako, you have → mayroon ka, he has → mayroon siya, she has/it has → may, we have → mayroon tayo, you (plural) have → mayroon kayo, and they have → mayroon sila. Perfect for English and Tagalog learners who want clear patterns, real-life dialogues, and a fun vibe. Master key words like have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you (plural) have, they have in minutes.

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Hey du! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your fun path to language superpowers. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources and freebies.

Buckle up for quick wins, laughs, and real talk. Today you'll master have in Tagalog with friendly patterns you can use right away.

Your goal today

Your mission: connect English have with Tagalog forms you'll actually say today.

- Targets: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you (plural) have, they have.
- Core idea: Base verb have = magkaroon. Everyday possession often uses may/mayroon + pronoun.

Forms at a glance

Say each line out loud – du, your voice is your gym!

- have → magkaroon (base verb, like “to have”)
- I have → mayroon ako
- you have → mayroon ka
- he has → mayroon siya
- she has → may (example: She has a book = May libro siya)
- it has → may (example: It has a key = May susi ito)

- we have (inclusive) → mayroon tayo
- you (plural) have → mayroon kayo
- they have → mayroon sila

Mini-dialogues

Listen, repeat, and smile – tiny scenes, big confidence.

- A: Do you have the tickets? B: Yes, I have them – Mayroon ako nito.
- A: You have an umbrella, right? – Mayroon ka bang payong? B: Yep!
- A: He has the keys. – Mayroon siya ng mga susi.
- A: She has time today. – May oras siya ngayon.
- A: It has a hidden pocket. – May nakatagong bulsa ito.
- A: We have a plan. – Mayroon tayo ng plano.
- A: You (plural) have the modules, class? – Mayroon ba kayo ng mga module? B (Class): Mayroon kayo!
- A: They have extra chairs. – Mayroon sila ng mga upuan.

Drill time

Rapid-fire – du, echo me like a pro.

- have → magkaroon
- I have → mayroon ako

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- you have → mayroon ka
 - he has → mayroon siya
 - she has → may (She has coffee = May kape siya)
 - it has → may (It has Wi-Fi = May Wi-Fi ito)
 - we have → mayroon tayo
 - you (plural) have → mayroon kayo
 - they have → mayroon sila
 - Bonus switch: To have a dog (base) = magkaroon ng aso.

Culture tip: keep it natural

Sound native with two tiny tricks.

- 1) Everyday speech loves may/mayroon. Use may before nouns (e.g., May libro siya); use mayroon comfortably before pronouns (e.g., Mayroon ako).
- 2) Inclusive we have is mayroon tayo (includes your listener). Exclusive is mayroon kami (not including your listener). Today we focus on inclusive: we have = mayroon tayo.
- Pro move: If you only remember one base verb, make it magkaroon for “to have.”

Quick quiz

Answer aloud – no judgment, just gains.

- Q1: Say I have in Tagalog. A: mayroon ako.

- Q2: Say you have (singular). A: mayroon ka.
- Q3: Turn she has a book into Tagalog. A: May libro siya.
- Q4: Say we have (inclusive) time. A: Mayroon tayo ng oras.
- Q5: Translate they have money. A: Mayroon sila ng pera.
- Speed bonus: Base “have” in Tagalog? A: magka-roon.

Challenge scene

Role-play this fast moment – du, you’re the hero.

- Scenario: At the gate, the guard asks for tickets. You answer for your group.
- You (to the guard): We have the tickets. – Mayroon tayo ng mga tiket.
- Friend whispers: Do you have an extra pen? – You: Yes, I have one. Mayroon ako nito.
- Guard points at your bag: It has a scissors inside? – You: Yes, it has. May gunting ito. (Oops – remove it!)
- Narrator wink: Victory unlocked – you used we have, I have, and it has like a boss.

Wrap-up

Nice work – light speed progress today!

You linked have → magkaroon and mastered I have → mayroon ako, you have → mayroon ka, he has → mayroon siya, she/it has → may, we have → mayroon tayo, you (plural) have → mayroon kayo, they have → mayroon sila. Thanks for listening – brought to you by SynapseLingo. Keep practicing, smile at your wins, and visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, drills, and fun challenges.

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: English – Tagalog To Be = maging: I am ako ay, You are ikaw ay

Learn English – Tagalog basics of the verb “to be” with a fun, spoken-friendly episode: to be = maging, plus I am ako ay, you are ikaw ay/kayo ay, he/she is siya ay, it is ito ay, we are tayo ay, and they are sila ay. Perfect for beginners who want to practice real sentences, rhythm drills, and quick quizzes. Boost your Tagalog grammar and pronunciation while laughing through mini-sketches and culture tips. English – Tagalog learning with keywords: to be, maging, ako ay, ikaw ay, siya ay, ito ay, tayo ay, kayo ay, sila ay.

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lingo.com.

Today, you and I will master English – Tagalog forms of “to be”: maging, ako ay, ikaw ay, siya ay, ito ay, tayo ay, kayo ay, sila ay. Buckle up, clap along, and let’s make grammar dance!

Your goal today

You’ll speak clear identity sentences and short intros right away.

By the end, you can introduce yourself, point out people and things, and pep-talk a team – using ako ay, ikaw ay, siya ay, ito ay, tayo ay, kayo ay, and sila ay. Also, you’ll feel how “to be” as maging powers your goals.

Beat the forms

Clap the rhythm and repeat after me – short, strong, and confident.

- I am = ako ay... example: ako ay handa.
- You are (singular) = ikaw ay... example: ikaw ay magaling.
- He/She is = siya ay... example: siya ay mabait.
- It is/This is = ito ay... example: ito ay masarap.
- We are (inclusive) = tayo ay... example: tayo ay handa.
- You are (plural/polite) = kayo ay... example: kayo ay panalo.
- They are = sila ay... example: sila ay kumpleto.

Tiny dialogues

Let's talk like real humans – well, funnier ones.

- A: Mirror check! ikaw ay handa. B: Salamat! And coffee? ito ay mainit!
- A: Where's Alex? B: siya ay nasa bahay.
- Coach: Team, listen – tayo ay iisang koponan!
Crowd: Yes! Coach: And kayo ay malakas!
- Announcer: Look – sila ay narito na!

Magic of maging

Use this power-verb to set goals and transform.

- To be/to become = maging. Try it: Gusto kong maging kalmado.
- Bonus forms: maging → naging → nagiging → magiging.
- Affirmation: Today I will maging handa. Coffee mug joke: To bean? Nope – maging!

Culture tip

Sound local and confident, one phrase at a time.

You'll hear proud lines like "Ako ay Pilipino" in songs and events – exactly "I am Filipino." Use the pattern for intros: "ako ay estudyante," "ako ay bisita," or point things out in class: "ito ay mapa." Keep it natural, keep it smiling.

Quick quiz

Say your answers out loud before I reveal them.

- Q1: Tagalog for “to be”? A: maging.
- Q2: Say “I am ready.” A: ako ay handa.
- Q3: Say “you are (singular) kind.” A: ikaw ay mabait.
- Q4: Make it plural/polite: “you are champions.” A: kayo ay kampeon.
- Q5: Point to a map: “it is the Philippines.” A: ito ay Pilipinas.
- Q6: Introduce a friend: “she is a doctor.” A: siya ay doktor.
- Q7: Rally the group: “we are not late.” A: tayo ay hindi huli.
- Q8: Announce arrivals: “they are here.” A: sila ay narito.

30-second challenge

You’ve got this – repeat each line with confidence.

- ako ay masaya.
- ikaw ay handa.
- siya ay mabait.
- ito ay mahalaga.
- tayo ay panalo.

- kayo ay mahusay.
- sila ay kumakanta.
- Goal-setter: Nais kong maging kalmado araw-araw.

Thanks and next steps

Great work – your voice sounded awesome today.

Thanks for learning with SynapseLingo! Keep practicing maging, ako ay, ikaw ay, siya ay, ito ay, tayo ay, kayo ay, and sila ay in daily life. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more lessons, drills, and printable cheatsheets. See you next time!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: Learn Tagalog Fast: go = pumunta (English – Tagalog)

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Tagalog mini-podcast teaches the verb “go” and its everyday forms. Learn and practice: go, I go, you go, he goes, she goes, it goes, we go, you (plural) go, they go with Tagalog keys like pumunta, pumupunta siya, pumupunta kayo, and the small-talk reply ayos lang. Perfect for quick commutes – clear examples, jokes, and drills help you remember fast. Level up your English – Tagalog vocabulary and pronunciation today.

Welcome

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Strap in for a quick, funny sprint through English – Taga-

log 'go'. I'll keep it friendly, fast, and totally useful for real life.

Your goal today

Your mission: master 'go' in English – Tagalog with natural phrases you can use right away.

- go → pumunta (base form)
- I go → pumupunta ako (base: pumunta)
- you go (singular) → pumupunta ka (base: pumunta)
- he goes → pumupunta siya
- she goes → pumupunta siya
- it goes (as in 'How's life?' 'It goes.') → ayos lang
- we go (inclusive) → pumupunta tayo (also common in plans: pupunta tayo)
- you go (plural) → pumupunta kayo
- they go → pumupunta sila (base: pumunta)

Funny mini-dialogue

Listen in and shadow the Tagalog out loud. Smile points if you act it out!

- A: Shall we go? → Tara, pumunta tayo!
- B: Yes, we go after coffee. → Oo, pupunta tayo pagkatapos ng kape.