

## Lesson B # 1

प्रथमः पाठः prathamah pāṭhaḥ

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हरिः ओम् (ॐ) hariḥ om = Hello.

नमोनमः namo namaḥ = Salutations.

नमस्ते namaste = Salutations to you.

सुप्रभातम् suprabhātam = Good morning.

स्वागतम् svāgatam = Welcome.

धन्यवादः dhanyavādaḥ = Thanks (Thank you).

### Pronouns

अहम् aham = I, त्वम् tvam = You, सः saḥ = He, सा sā = She, तत् tat = That.

अहम् अस्मि aham asmi = I am. त्वम् असि tvam asi = You are.

सः अस्ति saḥ asti = He is. सा अस्ति sā asti = She is. तत् अस्ति tat asti = That is.

In Saṁskṛtam verbal roots are called (धातु dhātu = verbal root, धातवः dhātavaḥ = verbal roots). These verbal roots are conjugated in various ways to differentiate, mood (grammatical) singular, dual or plural. Following are some examples. In these examples conjugations are used in present tense for third person, second person and first person (singular). Each conjugation is added to a noun or pronoun (subject) to form a simple sentence. In due course of time, one learns hundreds of verbal roots and their conjugations.

### Verbal roots

वद् vad = to speak, पठ् paṭh = to read, लिख् likh = to write, पिब् pib = to drink, खाद् khād = to eat, (गम् gam)गच्छ् gacch = to go, (दृश् drś) पश्य् Paśy = to see, धाव् dhāv = to run, अर्च् arc = to worship, चल् cal = to walk, गाय् gāy = to sing, गर्ज् garj = to roar.

### III<sup>rd</sup> person

सः वदति saḥ vadati = He speaks. सा पठति sā paṭhati = She reads.

तत् लिखति tat likhati = That writes. रामः पिबति rāmaḥ pibati Rāma drinks.

गोविन्दः खादति govindaḥ khādati = Govinda eats. गोपालः गच्छति gopālaḥ gacchati =

Gopāla goes. मुकुन्दः पश्यति mukundaḥ paśyati = Mukunda sees.

### II<sup>nd</sup> person

त्वं वदसि tvam vadasi = You speak. त्वं पठसि tvam paṭhasi = You read.

त्वं लिखसि tvam likhasi = You write. त्वं पिबसि tvam pibasi – You drink.

त्वं खादसि tvam khādasi = You eat. त्वं गच्छसि tvam gacchasi = You go.

त्वं पश्यसि tvam paśyasi = You see.

### I<sup>st</sup> person

अहं वदामि aham vadāmi = I speak. अहं पठामि aham paṭhāmi = I read.

अहं लिखामि aham likhāmi = I write. अहं पिबामि aham pibāmi = I drink.

अहं खादामि aham khādāmi = I eat. अहं गच्छामि aham gacchāmi = I go.

अहं पश्यामि aham paśyāmi = I see.

### शब्दसंग्रहः śabdasaṅgrahaḥ = Vocabulary

अश्वः aśvaḥ = horse, गजः gajaḥ = elephant, अजः ajaḥ = goat, गर्दभः gardabhaḥ =

Donkey, व्याघ्रः vyāghraḥ = tiger, भक्तः bhaktaḥ = a devotee, बालिका bālikā = a girl.

### प्रश्नाः praśnāḥ = Questions

**Translate the following English sentences into Sanskrit using the above nouns, pronouns, and verbal conjugations. Write as many sentences as you wish.**

1. Horse runs.
2. Elephant drinks.
3. Goat eats.
4. Donkey walks.
5. Tiger roars.
6. Devotee worships.
7. Girl sings.
8. I walk.
9. She runs.
10. He sings.