Alpha School

Tamil - Practice Worksheet

Name: _____ Date: _____ Grade: _____

Instructions: Answer each question in the space provided. All foreign-language words in this worksheet are written in Roman letters (transliteration). Say each new word aloud before you write it.

1. Vocabulary matching: Match each romanized Tamil word to its English meaning. (1) vanakkam (2) nandri (3) thanni (4) pusthagam (5) nanban. Meanings: A. friend B. water C. hello D. book E. thank you.

2. Translate to English: (a) En peyar Priya. (b) Neenga eppadi irukkeenga? (c) Enakku thanni vendum.

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3. Translate to Tamil (romanized): (a) Good morning. (b) What is your name? (c) I am fine, thank you.

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4. Present tense: Fill in the correct verb form. (a) Naan pallikku ___ (poren / poraan). (b) Aval pusthagam ___ (padikkiral / padikkiran).

5. Plurals: Write the plural of each word: (a) pusthagam (book) (b) paiyan (boy) (c) ponnu (girl).

6. Cases/postpositions: Fill in the correct form from the box: (kku, il, ilirundhu, aal). (a) Naan pallikku ___ poren. (to - already given; use a case for 'from home') Veettilirundhu pallikku poren. (b) Pusthagam mesai ___ irukku. (on)

7. Numbers: Write these numbers in Tamil (romanized): 1, 5, 10, 20, 100.

8. Sentence order: Tamil usually follows Subject-Object-Verb order. Put these words in order: (a) naan / pusthagam / padikkiren (b) avan / saappadu / saappidugiran

9. Reading comprehension: Read the passage, then answer in English.
'En peyar Arjun. Naan Hyderabad-il vazhgiren. Enakku oru thangachi irukka. Ava peyar Meera. Naanga thinamum pallikku porom. Enakku vilaiyaadu pidikkum.'
(a) Where does Arjun live? (b) Who is Meera? (c) What does Arjun like?

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10. Family vocabulary: Write the Tamil (romanized) word for: (a) mother (b) father (c) sister (d) brother.

11. Questions: Write a question in Tamil (romanized) for each answer. (a) Answer: En peyar Ravi. (b) Answer: Naan Mumbai-il vazhgiren.

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12. Sentence building: Build a Tamil (romanized) sentence using each set: (a) naan / palli / poren (b) enakku / apple / pidikkum

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13. Politeness: Explain in one sentence when to use 'nee' and when to use 'neenga'. Then rewrite this sentence politely: 'Nee enga pore?'

14. Adjectives: Complete: (a) periya veedu (big house) / ___ pusthagam (big book) (b) nalla paiyan / ___ ponnu (good girl)

15. Culture: Name one Tamil festival or literary work from Lesson 11 (for example Pongal or Thirukkural) and write two facts about it.

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ANSWER KEY - For Teacher/Parent Use

1. 1-C, 2-E, 3-B, 4-D, 5-A.

2. (a) My name is Priya. (b) How are you? (c) I need water.

3. (a) Kaalai vanakkam. (b) Unga peyar enna? (c) Naan nalla irukken, nandri.

4. (a) poren; (b) padikkiral.

5. (a) pusthagangal; (b) paiyangal; (c) ponnungal.

6. (a) ilirundhu (veettilirundhu = from home); (b) il / meel (mesai meel = on the table).

7. onru, aindhu, pathu, irupadhu, nooru.

8. (a) Naan pusthagam padikkiren. (b) Avan saappadu saappidugiran.

9. (a) Hyderabad. (b) His younger sister. (c) Playing / games.

10. (a) amma; (b) appa; (c) thangachi / akka (younger / elder sister); (d) thambi / annan (younger / elder brother).

11. (a) Unga peyar enna? (b) Neenga enga vazhgireenga?

12. (a) Naan pallikku poren. (b) Enakku apple pidikkum.

13. Use 'neenga' for elders, strangers, formal situations; 'nee' for close friends and younger people. Polite: Neenga enga poreenga?

14. (a) periya pusthagam; (b) nalla ponnu. (Tamil adjectives like periya/nalla do not change for gender.)

15. Answers vary. Example: Pongal - harvest festival; people cook pongal rice and thank the sun.