

LESSON NOTES

Thai Alphabet Made Easy #8

Raaw ruuea, Laaw ling, Short ae, and Long ae

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VOCABULARY

Thai	Romanization	English	Class
บิล	<i>bin</i>	bill	noun
แรงแง	<i>raaeng</i>	power	noun
และะ	<i>lâe</i>	and	conjunction
แมว	<i>maaeo</i>	cat	noun

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>อุษาวางหนังสือลงและร้องไห้ <i>ù-sǎa waang nǎng-sǔue long lâe ráawng-hâi</i></p> <p>"Usa put the book down and cried."</p>	<p>แมวสีดำกำลังเดินผ่านหน้าจอ <i>maaeo sí-dam gam-lang dooen phàn nâa jaaw</i></p> <p>"The black cat is walking across the screen."</p>
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GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson is the Consonants ฃ and ฅ, and the Vowels ฃะ ฅะ (*sà-rà àe*) and ฃะ ฅะ (*sà-rà aae*)

ฃ (*raaw ruuea*)

The first new letter is ฃ (*raaw ruuea*). The word เรือ means "boat." The sound of ฃ as an initial consonant is "r" like the double R in "burrito" when spoken by a native Spanish speaker. In other words, this is an R sound with a trill. Not everyone can make this sound easily, but you can get better with practice. When ฃ is the final consonant in a syllable it makes the sound "n" just like ฃ. You might remember that this is one of the live ending sounds.

We write เฌ by starting with a counterclockwise head at the bottom. Then draw a line going up and curving to the left. Then there is a hook, and the line comes back across to the upper right.

ล (*laaw ling*)

The next letter is also another low class consonant. It's called ล (*laaw ling*) and means "monkey." The sound of ล as an initial consonant is "l" like the L in "little." When it's the final consonant in a syllable, ล also makes an "n" sound just like เฌ did. What's great about this consonant is it actually looks like a monkey! So, when you write ล, think of a little monkey with a curved tail sticking up.

To write ล you start with a clockwise head at the bottom. Make a small arch curving to the right. Then draw a larger curve over it, going back to the left.

สระ แอ (sà-rà àe) and สระ แอ (sà-rà aae)

The two new vowels in this lesson are สระ แอ (sà-rà àe) and สระ แอ (sà-rà aae). They are written with a double สระ แอ before the consonant. Then for the short vowel, สระ ออ is added after the consonant.

The sound of สระ แอ and สระ แอ is like the A in "cat" (แคท).