

LESSON NOTES

Thai Alphabet Made Easy #9 Jaaw jaan, Dtaaw dtào, Bpaaw bplaa, Short o, and Long o

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VOCABULARY

Thai	Romanization	English	Class
ตาม	<i>dtaam</i>	to follow	verb
ปี	<i>bpii</i>	year	noun
โจร	<i>joon</i>	thief, robber	noun
บน	<i>bon</i>	on, above	preposition

SAMPLE SENTENCES

<p>พวกลูกเป็ดตัวเล็กๆกำลังเดินตามแม่เป็ด</p> <p><i>phûuak lûuk bpèt dtuua lék-lék gam-lang dooen dtaam mâae-bpèt</i></p> <p>"The ducklings are following the mother duck."</p>	<p>พ่อของฉันอายุห้าสิบหกปี</p> <p><i>phâaw khăawng dì-chăn aa-yú hâa -sìp-hòk bpii.</i></p> <p>"My father is fifty-six years old."</p>
<p>โจรเข้ามาในบ้านในขณะที่ทุกคนกำลังนอนหลับอยู่</p> <p>"The thief came into the house while everyone was sleeping."</p>	<p>นกอาศัยอยู่บนต้นไม้</p> <p><i>nók aa-săi yûu bon dtôn-máai</i></p> <p>"Birds live in the trees."</p>
<p>ฝนกำลังตกลงบนถนน</p> <p><i>fǒn gam-lang dtòk long bon thà-nǒn</i></p> <p>"The rain is falling on the street."</p>	<p>มีกระดาษหนึ่งใบอยู่บนโต๊ะ</p> <p><i>mii grà-dàat nùeng bai yûu bon dtó.</i></p> <p>"There is a slip of paper on a table."</p>

GRAMMAR

The Focus of This Lesson are the Consonants จ (jaaw jaan), ต (dtaaw dtào) and ป (bpaaw bplaa) , and the Vowels สระ แอ (sà-rà àe) and สระ แอ (sà-rà aae)

จ (jaaw jaan)

The first new middle class consonant of this lesson is จ (jaaw jaan) . This letter is named after the word จาน (jaan), which means "plate" or "dish". When จ is the initial consonant it makes the sound "j" similar to the J in "jump". When จ is the final consonant, its sound changed to become a T-stop just like the letter ต.

To write จ, start with a clockwise head in the middle, and make the line go down to the right. Then it hooks back up and curves over to the left.

ต (dtaaw dtào)

The next middle class consonant is called ต (dtaaw dtào). The word เต่า (dtào) means "turtle". The sound ต makes as an initial consonant is "dt", which is in the middle between an English D and T. In technical terms, the sound of ต is an unaspirated T. To practice making this sound you can hold your hand in front of your mouth and try to make a T sound without creating a puff of air. As a final consonant it also makes a T-stop.

ต is written almost exactly the same as จ. The only difference is that ต has a small indentation at the top of the bump. Maybe you can think of a turtle with a bumpy shell to remember which is which.

ป (bpaaw bplaa)

The last consonant of this lesson is ป (bpaaw bplaa). The word ปลา (bplaa) means "fish". The sound of ป as an initial consonant is "bp", which is in the middle between a regular English B and P. We can also call this an unaspirated P. You can practice making this sound similarly to how you practiced ต. Hold your hand in front of your mouth, and try to make a P sound without creating a puff of air. As a final consonant, ป makes a P-stop, which is simply done by closing your lips.

You're probably already thinking that ป looks a lot like the letter บ. As you can see, the only difference is that the line on the right side of ป extends higher than the head.

สระ โอ๊ะ (sà-rà ò) and สระ โออ (sà-rà oo)

Let's learn a new vowel pair to write a couple more words with. This is สระ โอ๊ะ (sà-rà ò) and สระ โออ (sà-rà oo). They make the vowel sound "o" like the O in "go". The short vowel is สระ โอ๊ะ.

As you can see, สระ โออ is written to the left of the initial consonant.