



Filipino QuickChat

Westerners may find Filipino grammar a bit of a challenge, but they'll also find a lot of familiar vocabulary within the linguistic tapestry – English influences have been readily assimilated in recent times, to the extent that today's Filipino has been given the nickname 'Taglish'. Whatever it's called – Filipino, Pilipino or Tagalog – the best thing to do is learn a few words. The locals will certainly appreciate the effort. English speakers should have little trouble with the pronunciation of Filipino words found here, as they are generally a close reflection of the way they are written.

QUESTION WORDS

How?	Paano?
What?	Anó?
When?	Kailán?
Where?	Saán?
Who?	Sino?

CONVERSATION & ESSENTIALS

Hello	Kumusta hô
Goodbye	Paalam na hô
Yes	Ohô/Opò
No	Hindi hô
Thank you (very much)	(Maráming) salámat hô
You're welcome	Walá hong anuman (literally 'it's nothing')
Excuse me	Mawaláng-galang na nga hô
Sorry	Iskyus/Sori hô
What's your name?	Anóng pangalan ninyó?
My name is ...	Akó si ...

DIRECTIONS

Where is the ...?	Násaán hô ang ...?
Go straight ahead	Tulóy-tulóy lang hô
Turn right	Lumikô sa kanan
Turn left	Lumikô sa kaliwâ
at the next corner	kánto
at the traffic lights	ilaw

LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES

Do you speak English?	Marunong ba kayóngmag-Ingglés?
How do you say ...?	Papáno hô ba sabíhin ...?
What does ... mean?	Ano hô ang ibig sabíhin ng ...?
I don't understand	Hindi ko hô náintindihán

TIME & DATES

What time is it?	Anong óras na?
morning	Umaga
afternoon	Hápon
night	Gabí
this morning	Ngayóng umága
this afternoon	Ngayóng hapon
tonight	Ngayóng gabí
today	Ngayóng araw
tomorrow	Bukas
yesterday	Kahapon
Monday	Lunes
Tuesday	Martes
Wednesday	Miyérkolés
Thursday	Huwebes
Friday	Biyernes
Saturday	Sábado
Sunday	Linggó

SHOPPING & SERVICES

I'd like to buy ...	Gústo ko hóng bumili ng ...
How much is this?	Magkano hô itó?
I don't like it	Ayoko nitó
Can I look at it?	Maari bang tingnán?
I'm just looking	Tumitingin hô lang akó
Can you lower the price?	May tawad hô ba iyán?
I think it's too expensive	Ang mahál-mahál namán
Do you accept credit cards?	Tumátanggap ba kayó ng credit card?

PLACES

bank	bangko
bookshop	tindahan ng libró
chemist/pharmacy	botika/parmasya
consulate	konsulado
embassy	embahada
general store	tindahan
market	palengke
museum	museo
police station	istasyón ng pulís
post office	pos opis
public telephone	teléponó
public toilet	comfort room/CR/pálikuran
town square	plasa

TRANSPORT

Where is the ...?	Násaán hô ang ...?
bus station	terminál ng bus
Metro station	ang istasyón ng Metro Tren
nearest LRT station	ang pinakamalapit na istasyón ng LRT
train station	istasyón ng tren
road to ...	daán papuntáng ...
What time does the ... leave/arrive?	Anóng oras hô áalis/dárating ang ...?
boat/ship	bangka/bapór
bus	bus
plane	eropláno
train	trenboat
I'd like a ... ticket	... tiket nga hô
one-way	isáng one-way
return	isáng round trip
Where is the bus stop?	Násaán hô ang hintúan ng bus?
Which bus goes to ...?	Alíng bus hô ang papuntá sa ...?
Does this bus go to ...?	Papuntá hô ba itóng bus na itó sa ...?
I want to get off at ...	Bábabâ hô ako sa ...
What station is this?	Ano hóng istasyón itó?
What's the next station?	Anó hô ba ang susunód na istasyón?
Does this train stop at ...?	Humíhintó hô ba ang tren na itó sa ...?
The train is delayed/cancelled	Náhuli/Nákansela hô ang tren
How long will it be delayed?	Gaano katagál hô mahúhuli?

EMERGENCIES

Help!	Saklolo!
Watch out!	Ingat!
Go away!	Umalís ka!
Where are the toilets?	Násaán hô ang CR?
Call the/a ...!	Tumawag ka ng ...!
police	pulís
doctor	doktór
ambulance	ambulansiya

SIGNS

Hot/Cold	Mainit/Malamig
Entrance	Pasukán
Exit	Labásan
No Entry	Bawal Pumások
No Smoking	Bawal Manigarílyo
Open/Closed	Bukás/Sará
Prohibited	Bawal
Toilets	CR