

HINDI CONVERSATION

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4B. Putting Together a Hindi Sentence

The following two pages provide helpful hints in putting together a Hindi sentence. Detailed information on many concepts presented below will be provided later in the course.

1) Order of words in a Hindi sentence: *Subject* *Other Words* *Verb*

I am –.	मैं - हूँ।	Maiṁ laṛkī hūṁ.
I am (a) girl.	मैं लड़की हूँ।	Maiṁ laṛkī hūṁ.
This is (a) book.	यह किताब है।	Yah kitāb hai.
She is Anita	वह अनीता है।	Vah Anitā hai.
I am Raj.	मैं राज हूँ।	Maiṁ Rāj hūṁ.

2) Addition of 'no' to a sentence: 'No' comes before the verb or verb phrase.

I am <u>not</u> a girl.	मैं लड़की <u>नहीं</u> हूँ।	Maiṁ laṛkī <u>nahīm</u> hūṁ.
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3) Question words: क्या, क्यों, कहाँ, कब, कैसे

1) Interrogative sentences that can be answered with a yes/no have the question word at the beginning of the sentence.

Is this a book?	<u>क्या</u> यह किताब है ?	Kyā yah kitāb hai?
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2) Other interrogative words are added after the noun/pronoun and before the verb.

<u>Who</u> are you?	तुम <u>कौन</u> हो ?	Tum <u>kaun</u> ho?
<u>Where</u> are you?	तुम <u>कहाँ</u> हो ?	Tum <u>kahām</u> ho?
<u>When</u> is the game?	खेल <u>कब</u> है ?	Khel <u>kab</u> hai?
<u>What</u> is this?	यह <u>क्या</u> है ?	Yah <u>kyā</u> hai?

4) Adjectives: Adjectives (words that modify a noun or pronoun) are added before the verb. Adjective form must agree with the gender and the case of the subject.

The cat is fat.	बिल्ली <u>मोटी</u> है।	Billī moṭī hai.
The dog is fat.	कुत्ता <u>मोटा</u> है।	Kuttā moṭā hai.
The book is heavy.	किताब <u>भारी</u> है।	Kitāb bhārī hai.
The books are heavy.	किताबें <u>भारी</u> हैं।	Kitābē bhārī haiṁ.