SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

**Tamil Elementary 1**

**Materials:** Course materials will be provided

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| **Overview of course contents**   * Revision of **Tamil Beginners** * Prepositions * Similarity or contrast * Review of tenses and structures * Further vocabulary * Irregular verbs * Question words * Future tense * Reporting someone's speech * Infinitive verbs * Negative verbs * Making adjectives into adverbs * More uses of verb stem + subject ending * Numbers: 100 and above * Tamil festivals | **Synopsis**  **Tamil Elementary 1** is intended for students who have taken and completed **Tamil Beginners** or the equivalent. Grammar and vocabulary are revised and consolidated then expanded. Structures of greater complexity are presented, enabling students to speak about a larger number of everyday topics.  Learning objectives are met by a step-by-step process, using communicative, interactive teaching. Situational reinforcement is widely used during the course, in which students refrain from using English as much as possible.  Tamil songs are incorporated to elucidate particular points of grammar (vocabulary is supplied in advance, so students can understand the songs in question).  By the end of the course, students can compare and contrast objects, say that they have been somewhere and describe places, tell the time and talk about everyday situations using all three tenses. |