SOAS LANGUAGE CENTRE

**Tamil Elementary 3**

**Materials:** Course materials will be provided

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| **Overview of course contents**   * Revision of **Tamil Elementary 2** * Tamil astrology * Tamil proverbs * Sangam literature * Thoughts and intentions using ‘because’ * The marker of reported speech * Thoughts and intentions using ‘but’ * Conditional sentence using: *If I go to Tamil Nadu* … * Using *perhaps, might be, probably* * Colloquial future: verb stem + *laam* * The unconjugated future tense * Relative clauses in the present and future tense * Describing nouns with use of verb stem + participle * The verb stem + adjectival clause:  *The place I am going to visit is Jaffna* * Passive and active sentences * Overview of numbers up to 10,000 * Tamil identity in diaspora | **Synopsis**  **Tamil Elementary 3** aims to provide students with more advanced grammar for everyday situations such as meeting a friend or guest, traveling or making plans. There is a revision of the grammar and vocabulary from **Tamil Elementary 2**.  Interactive communication with role plays, comprehension tests and dialogues relating to daily life are employed. Tamil films, TV programmes and Tamil music from YouTube are also used to make the learning experience a lively one.  Students learn several ways of joining sentences using the appropriate structures. Consolidation and feedback sessions take place mid-way through the course and at its end. On successful completion of this term, students are able to:  - compose emails or letters or text message in Tamil  - engage in and understand everyday conversations  - communicate in complex and routine situational contexts  - Can read poems, stories and Tamil blogs |