

SOAS Language Centre

Tamil Beginners (Term 1)

Set Text: will be given by the teacher at the class

Week	Topic	Reading and Writing	Listening and Speaking	Grammar	Vocabulary
1	Introduction 1: Learning Tamil - History	Tamil Letter Formation- Soul Letters	Listening to a song; Tamil Greetings	Sounds, words, and meanings	Some simple objects
2	Introduction 2: Learning Tamil- Contemporary	Tamil letter formation- Body letters	Tamil sounds and intonation (listening)	Transliteration and script	More objects
3	Letters 1	Soul- Body letters 1	Some Simple Phrases	Words formation 1	Parts of the body
4	Letters 2	Soul- Body letters 2	My self; Introduction	Words formation 2	People
5	Photograph Cards (Objects)	Letter formation (writing)	More General Phrases	Pronouns (personal, possessive)	Days of the weeks
6	My Self and Family	Soul- Body letters 3	Listening to BBC Tamil News	Demonstrative pronouns	Numbers 1-20
7	Picture Charts; letter cards	Making up words	Listening to a conversation	Verbs introduction	Colours
8	Map and Restaurants	Soul- Body letters 4	Listening to an ancient poem	Question words	Places
9	World	Writing my family members names	Listening to a contemporary poem	Questions and Answer formation	Countries and languages
10	Vocabulary Cards	Soul- Body letters 5	Listening to a story	Word Order	Time words

By the end of Tamil Beginners Term 1 students should:

- Have acquired some general language awareness
- Have gained an insight into Tamil script
- Be getting used to the sounds of Tamil
- Be familiar with Soul-Body combinations
- Be able to make attempts at reading simple words
- Be able to produce some simple Tamil Phrases
- Have established a regular writing practice
- Have made a start on systematic vocabulary acquisition.