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 10000 * Tamil Identity in Diaspora | **Synopsis**  **Tamil Elementary 2** focuses on expanding, reading, listening, writing and speaking skills and introduces more grammatical constructions. A wide range of activities are employed, from textbook exercises to games, jokes and songs and BBC Tamil News Service.  Students take part in group work, paired work and individual activities in order to achieve the goals of the course. On successful completion of this course, students should be able to do the following:  - make statements involving cause and effect  - use complex sentence with an adjectival cause  - express what they have to do/should do  - say how long they have been doing something  - say what they have seen or heard others doing  - talk about different situations such as travel, restaurant bookings, etc.  - read and understand Tamil newspapers, poems and stories. |