

Asking Others about What They Like/Don't Like to Eat

Nug Lwm Tus Txog Yam Khoom Noj Nws Nyiam Thiab Tsis Nyiam Noj

Directions: Print this sheet out and tape it or place it in a location you will be in everyday (bathroom, kitchen, car, etc.). Practice at least once a day the first part until you memorize it before moving on to the next part.

Vocabulary that you'll need:

Protein [pronunciation]

qaib/nqaij qaib	chicken/chicken meat	cw	shrimp
qe	egg	os/nqaij os	duck/duck meat
npuas/nqaij npuas	pig/pork	nas/nqaij nas	squirrel/squirrel meat
nyuj/nqaij nyuj	cow/beef		
ntses/nqaij ntses	fish/fish meant		

Fruits [pronunciation]

txiv hmab txiv ntoo*	fruits	txiv cuab thoj	guava
txiv tsawb	banana	txiv lwm tsib	lychee
txiv kab ntxwv	orange	dib dej/dib liab	watermelon
txiv apple	apple	txiv qaub	lime/lemon
txiv duaj	peach	txiv txhais**	mango
txiv puv luj	pineapple	txiv quav miv	tamarind
txiv taub ntoos	papaya	txiv lws suav	tomato
txiv laum huab xeeb	peanut		

*The noun “txiv” has three meanings. Using the right classifier is the easiest way to help you use the word “txiv” correctly. “Lub txiv” is always “the fruit.” “Tus txiv” is always “the husband.” For “father,” use “leej txiv” or just “txiv.”

**also txiv nkaus taw or txiv raum npua

Vegetables [pronunciation]

qej	garlic	dib iab	bittermelon
dos	onion/green onion	taub	pumpkin
zaub txhwb	cilantro	dib	cucumber
tauj dub	lemongrass	pob kws	corn
qhiav	ginger	taum	green beans
zaub pob	cabbage	nceb	mushroom
zaub ntsuab*	green leafy vegetable	kuav txob	pepper
lws	eggplant		

*zaub ntsuab usually refers to a variety of leafy green vegetables, but mostly mustard greens

Other vocabulary words you might find helpful:

puas	yes/no question marker
noj	to eat
dab tsi	what
nyiam	to like

Asking others what they like/don't like to eat:

Koj nyiam noj dab tsi?

What do you like to eat?

Koj puas nyiam noj _____?*

insert food

Do you like to eat _____?

insert food

Koj puas nyiam noj txiv taub ntoos.

Do you like to eat papaya?

*This is a yes/no question, so you can answer in the affirmative or the negative. To answer affirmatively (or to say yes), you can just say the verb that was in the original question. In this case, it would be "nyiam." To answer negatively (or to say no), add the negation "tsis" to the verb in the original question. In this case, it would be "tsis nyiam."