

Talking About Birth Order

Tham Txog Kev Hlob Yau

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:

tus hlob	the elder
tus nrab	the middle (one)
tus yau	the younger (one)/the youngest
thib	order of/turn (as in my turn)
ib phaum	one generation

Generic Kinship Terms [[Pronunciation](#)]

cov nus muag	siblings	cov viv ncaus	sisters (only girls can use this term)
txiv	father	cov kwv tig	cousins/relatives
niam	mother	tsev neeg	family
tus tub	son		
tus ntxhais	daughter		

Numbers [[Pronunciation](#)]

1	ib	6	rau	20	nees nkaum	70	xya caum
2	ob	7	xya	30	peb caug	80	yim caum
3	peb	8	yim	40	plaub caug	90	cuaj caum
4	plaub	9	cuaj	50	tsib caug	100	ib puas
5	tsib	10	kaum	60	rau caum		

Numbers higher than 10 are literally the multiple of 10 + the number below 10.

11 = kaum ib

25 = nees nkaum tsib

47 = plaub caug xya

Sentences to learn [\[Pronunciation\]](#)

Kuv yog tus [insert birth order].

I am the [insert birth order].

Kuv yog tus thib [insert number].

I am number [insert number].

Kuv hlob [insert noun/pronoun].

I am older than [insert noun/pronoun].

Kuv yau [insert noun/pronoun].

I am younger than [insert noun/pronoun].

Extra Sentence

Wb yog ib phaum.

We (two) are of the same generation.