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The official Cambodian language, called ***Khmer***, is part of the Mon-Khmer family, enriched by the Indian Bali and Sanskrit languages and influenced by Thai and French. Khmer is related to the languages spoken by hill tribe people of Laos and Vietnam. The script is derived from the South-Indian alphabet and is written from left to right and leaves no spaces between the words. English and French are also spoken – French mainly by older people, while the younger generations learn English.

COMMON PHRASES

✚ Hello	Suosday
✚ Goodbye	Lea heuy
✚ Thank you	Akun
✚ I (don't) understand	Khnum ot yol
✚ I understand	Khnum yol
✚ How much is it?	Teu nis thlay pun mann?
✚ Yes	Baat (for man)/Cha (for woman)
✚ No	Otay
✚ Do you speak English?	Teu nak niyeay phea sar anglei tay?
✚ Sorry	Sohm toh