

BAMA "Aren't they the same?"

Greetings from BAMA Learn Burmese,

We present you these cards to help you memorize similar sound words. Invite your local friend to read them out & compare them a couple times, before test if you can hear them correctly while your eyes are closed!

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Tone guide: John Okell's. You can also hear them from [BAMA introduction to Burmese](#).

creaky high tone	အ့	á
low tone	အ	a
plain high tone	အ:	à
glottal stop*	အ့	aq
weak syllable*	အ	ǎ

Please kindly note that there might be more meanings behind the words — other than the ones on our cards.

A teal-colored symbol consisting of two interlocking loops, resembling a stylized '3' or a calligraphic 'ka'.

ká

to dance (verb)

A teal-colored symbol consisting of a loop with a small hook or tail extending from the bottom, resembling a stylized 'a' or 'ka'.

k'á

to fall (verb)



ka

screen; cover (noun)



kà

car (noun)

ci

nga

I (pronoun)

ci:

ngà

fish (noun)



sa

writing (noun);
food (noun)



sà

to eat (verb)

A teal-colored Swahili character consisting of three connected loops, resembling a stylized 's' followed by an 'a'.

s'a

to be hungry

A teal-colored Swahili character consisting of three connected loops followed by two small circles stacked vertically, resembling a stylized 's' followed by an 'a' with a circumflex accent.

s'à

salt (noun)

တင်

tin

to put, to place (verb)

တင်

thin

to teach, to learn (verb)



tu

chopstick; hammer (noun);
nephew



thu

he; she (pronoun)



t'ín

~(I) *think*; ~(I) presume (part)



t'in

to think (verb)

The image shows the Tibetan character for 't'in', which consists of two stacked syllables. The upper syllable is 't' (ཐ) and the lower syllable is 'in' (འིན).

t'in

~(I) think; ~(I) presume (part)

The image shows the Tibetan character for 'thín', which consists of two stacked syllables. The upper syllable is 'th' (ཐ) and the lower syllable is 'in' (འིན).

thín

~(you) should (part)

ပျော်

pyaw

to be happy

ပြော

pyàw

to talk (verb)

The image shows the Burmese character 'ပျော်' (pyaw) in a stylized, teal-colored font. The character is composed of several curved and straight lines, with a prominent 'y' shape in the center and a 'w' shape at the bottom.

pyaw

to be happy

The image shows the Burmese character 'ပျို' (pyo) in a stylized, teal-colored font. The character is composed of several curved and straight lines, with a prominent 'y' shape in the center and a 'w' shape at the bottom.

pyo

to be tender;
to be young



byo

~hello (male speaker)



pyo

to be tender;
to be young

ဘေး

bè

side (noun);
disaster (noun)

ဘယ်

beh

left (side);
which; where



bè

side (noun);
disaster (noun)



bèh

duck (noun);
young man (noun)

ဘယ်

beh

left (side);
which; where

ပဲ

bèh

duck (noun);
young man (noun)

ဘယ်

beh

left (side);
which; where

ဘက်

beq

direction, area (noun);
side (noun)



má

polite title for a young woman - near
the age of the speaker



hmá

~from; by; only; (part)



hma

~at, by, in, on (part)



hmá

~from; by; only; (part)



hma

~at, by, in, on (part)



ma

to be hard; to be healthy



hmà

to be incorrect; to be wrong



hmàn

to be guess; to aim (verb)

ယ

ya

field used to grow crops other than
rice

ယံ

yà

itch; tickle (noun);
to be ticklish

ရေ

ye

water (noun)

ရယ်

yeh

to laugh; to smile (verb)

xiě

to write; to draw; to paint (verb)

jǐng

police (noun)

The character 药 (yào) is rendered in a stylized, teal-colored font. It consists of a circular component on the left and a more complex, hook-like structure on the right.

yào

to mix, to blend (verb)

The character 药 (yào) is rendered in a stylized, teal-colored font. It consists of a circular component on the left and a more complex, hook-like structure on the right.

yào

ordinary

A teal-colored symbol consisting of two interlocking loops, resembling a stylized infinity symbol or a continuous wave.

lá

month; moon (noun)

A teal-colored symbol consisting of two interlocking loops, similar to the symbol for 'lá', but with a vertical line extending downwards from the right loop, ending in a small horizontal bar.

hlá

to be pretty

တစ်ထောင်

tăt'aun*

1,000

တစ်သောင်း

tăthàun*

10,000

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သုံးထောင်

thoùn-daun*

3,000

သုံးသောင်း

thoùn-dhaun*

30,000

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တစ်သိန်း

tăthèin*

100,000

တစ်သန်း

tăthàn*

1,000,000

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သုံ့းသိန်း

thoụn-dhèin*

300,000

သုံ့းသန်း

thoụn-dhàn*

3,000,000

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