

# Pāli Conjugation

## Active Voice.

### Present Indicative

1. Sg. mi *mi*
2. Sg. si
3. Sg. ti
1. Pl. ma
2. Pl. tha
3. Pl. (a)nti

### Imperative

1. Sg. mi
2. Sg. a (= stem), hi
3. Sg. tu
1. Pl. ma mu
2. Pl. tha
3. Pl. (a)ntu

### Optative

1. Sg. eyyaṃ e eyyāmi
2. Sg. eyyāsi e eyya
3. Sg. eyya e eyyati
1. Pl. eyyāma eṃa eṃu emasi
2. Pl. eyyātha eṭha
3. Pl. eyyuṃ eyyu

### Future

1. Sg. (i)ssāmi hāmi
2. Sg. (i)ssasi hisi hasi
3. Sg. (i)ssati (i)hiti hati
1. Pl. (i)ssāma hāma
2. Pl. (i)ssatha hatha
3. Pl. (i)ssanti hinti hanti

## Primary Suffixes:

**Absolutive:** 1. (i)tvā, (i)tvāna, ttā.  
2. (i)ya, (i)yana, (i)cca. 3. (i)tuye, (i)tūna, tu(ṃ). 4. (ṇamul:) aṃ, iṃ, akaṃ.

**Active Present Participle:** ṃ, nt, nta, māna, āna, ana.

**Future Middle Participle:** (i)ssant, (i)ssamāna.

**Causative:** e, aya, pe, paya, āpaya, āpe.

**Denominative:** āya, aya, e, a, ya, iya, iya.

**Desiderative:** kha, cha, sa (root redupl.).

**Future Passive Participle:**

1. (i)tabba. 2. anīya, anīya, aneyya, anīyya. 3. (i)ya, eyya, (i)cca. 4. tāya, tayya, teyya.

**Future Active Participle:** esin.

**Infinitive:** 1. (i)tuṃ. 2. tave.

3. (i)tuye. 4. (i)tāye, tase. 5. (an)āya (dat.).

**Intensive:** a, ya (root redupl.)

**Past Participle:** (i)ta, na, tta, (ṭ)ṭha, (b)āvin, (ta)vant.

**Passive Past Participle:** 1. ya, yya.

2. iya, iya, iyya

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## Middle Voice.

### Present Indicative

1. Sg. e
2. Sg. se
3. Sg. te
1. Pl. mhe mahe mha mase mhase
2. Pl. vhe
3. Pl. (a)nte re

### Imperative

1. Sg. e
2. Sg. ssu
3. Sg. taṃ
1. Pl. (ā)mase mhase
2. Pl. vho
3. Pl. (a)ntaṃ ruṃ

### Optative

1. Sg. eyyaṃ
2. Sg. eṭho
3. Sg. eṭha
1. Pl. emase eyyāmhē
2. Pl. eyyāvho
3. Pl. eraṃ

### Future

1. Sg. (i)ssañ
2. Sg. (i)ssase
3. Sg. (i)ssate
1. Pl. (i)ssāmase (i)ssamhe (i)ssāmhē
2. Pl. (i)ssavhe
3. Pl. (i)ssare (i)ssante

## Secondary Suffixes:

**Abstract:** a, ka, tta(ṃ), ttana, tā, ya, eyya.

**Action-noun:** ana (aṇa), a, ti, ta, tta, tā.

**Agent-noun:** (i)tā(i)tar, i/in, āvi/āvin, aka/ika.

**Comparative:** tara, iya, (i)yya, issika, iṭṭha; tama (= superlative).

**Connective:** a, ika, aka (also diminutive and pleonastic and adjectival), ina, tā (= collective).

**Numerical:** khattuṃ (times); dhā (fold); ma, ī, tiya, ttha, tṭha (ordinal); so (distributive), guṇa (multiple); aya, ka (collection).

**Pronominal:** so, to (abl. adv.); aṃ (acc. adv.) thā, (ṭ)ṭhaṃ (manner); tra, ttha, haṃ, him, dhi (place); dā, dāni, dācanaṃ, rahi, dhuṇā, jja, jju (time); tana (adj.).

**Patronymical:** a, aya, āyana, āna, eyya, era, ya, ava.

**Possessive:** ā, āla, ālu, ava, ita, ika, ima, in, iya, ila, eyya, eyyaka, mant, vant, vin.

## Conjugation signs:

1: a'; 2: a (ṃ inserted after root-vowel); 3: ya; 4: nu, ṇo; 6: ṇhā; 7: o, u (= middle voice); 8: e, aya'. ( ' = guṇa or vuddhi in root-vowel)

## Active Voice.

### Conditional

1. Sg. (i)ssaṃ
2. Sg. (i)ssasi (i)ssa (i)sse
3. Sg. (i)ssa (i)ssati (i)ssā
1. Pl. (i)ssāma (i)ssamhā
2. Pl. (i)ssatha
3. Pl. (i)ssaṃsu

### Root Aorist (Type 1).

1. Sg. ṃ
2. Sg. o ā
3. Sg. ā
1. Pl. mhā mha
2. Pl. ttha
3. Pl. ū u uṃ

### a- Aorist (Type 2).

1. Sg. aṃ a ā
2. Sg. o a ā asi
3. Sg. ā a
1. Pl. āma amhā amha
2. Pl. attha atha
3. Pl. uṃ ṇsu u ū

### s-Aorist (Type 3).

1. Sg. siṃ
2. Sg. si
3. Sg. si
1. Pl. simha mha simhā
2. Pl. sittha ttha
3. Pl. suṃ ṇsu siṃsu sisuṃ

### i- Aorist (Type 4).

1. Sg. iṃ isaṃ issa
2. Sg. i ī
3. Sg. i
1. Pl. imha imhā
2. Pl. ittha ttha
3. Pl. iṃsu isuṃ uṃ

**Prefixes** (intens. = intensifier, neg. = negative.)

**a:** non-; neg., expresses absence. **ati:** on, further, beyond, across, up to, over, past, very (much); intens. **adhi** (= ajjh- before vowel): (on)to, toward, over, above, (up)on, superior to, at, in, great; intens. **anu:** after, along, near to, according to, less than, each. **apa:** off, away (from), forth; can express hurt, devaluation, reverence. **pi:** to(towards), on (to), over, close upon. **abhi:** to(towards), on (to), over, facing, against; intens., may express reverence, particularity. **ava/a:** down, (be)low, off, away, back, aside, little, less; neg. & diminutive. **ū:** at, (near) to, until, away, as far as, all round; intens. **ud:** up(wards), above, forth, out, away. **upa:** (un)to, (up)on, to(wards), near, with, as, like, up to; intens. & diminutive; opposite of **apa**. **du(r):** wrong, bad, perverse, apart; opposite of **su**. **ni(r):** (with)out, forth, down(wards) in (to), under; neg. **pa:** onward, forward to, forth, out; intens. **pati/pati:** again(st), back to, opposite, in reverse direction, in return, to(wards), near(by). **pari:** onto, over, away, back, opposed to, aside, beyond, through. **pari:** (all) around, (all) about, all over, completely; intens. **vi:** asunder, apart, away, (with)out, separation, distinction, reversion, expansion; intens. & neg. **suṃ:** with, along, together, fully, nearby, completely; intens. opposite of **vi**. **su:** well, happily, thorough; intens.; opposite of **du(r)**.

## Vowel Gradation

| <i>Avuddhi</i> (zero.) | <i>Guṇa:</i> (+ a). | <i>Vuddhi:</i> (+ a + a). |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| (a) / -                | a                   | ā                         |
| i ī y                  | ē / ay              | āy / ē                    |
| u ū v                  | ō / av              | āv / ō                    |

|                      | <u>Demonstrative Pronouns</u>                           | <u>Declension</u>  | (C) 2005 Bhikkhu Ñāpatusita.<br>Kandy. Italics indicate rare forms. |
|----------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Ay/I</b>          | <b>Masc. Sing.</b>                                      | <b>Fem. Sing.</b>  | <b>Neutr. Sing.</b>   |
| Nom.                 | ayaṃ  | ayaṃ   | idaṃ imaṃ   |
| Acc.                 | imaṃ  | imaṃ   | idaṃ imaṃ   |
| Instr.               | iminā anena aminā                                       | imāya  | iminā aminā anena   |
| Abl.                 | imasma imamhā asmā amhā                                 | imissā assā imissāya imāya assāya                        | imasma imamhā asmā amhā   |
| Gen./Dat.            | imassa imissa assa                                      | imāya  | imassa assa   |
| Loc.                 | imasmiṃ imamhi <i>asmiṃ</i>                             | imissaṃ imissā <i>assaṃ</i> imassaṃ <i>imāyaṃ</i>        | imasmiṃ <i>asmiṃ</i> imamhi   |
|                      | <b>Masc. Plur.</b>                                      | <b>Masc. Plur.</b>                                       | <b>Neutr. Plur.</b>   |
| Nom.                 | ime   | imā <i>imāyo</i>   | imāni   |
| Acc.                 | ime   | imā <i>imāyo</i>   | imāni   |
| Instr.               | imehi <i>ehi</i><br>imebhi <i>ebhi</i>                  | imāhi<br>imābhi  | imehi <i>ehi</i><br>imebhi <i>ebhi</i>                              |
| Abl.                 | imehi <i>ehi</i><br>imebhi <i>ebhi</i>                  | imāhi<br>imābhi  | imehi <i>ehi</i><br>imebhi <i>ebhi</i>                              |
| Gen./Dat.            | imesaṃ <i>esaṃ</i><br>imesānaṃ <i>esānaṃ</i>            | imesaṃ <i>āsaṃ</i> imāsānaṃ                              | imesaṃ <i>esaṃ</i><br>imesānaṃ <i>esānaṃ</i>                        |
| Loc.                 | imesu <i>esu</i>  | imāsu  | imesu <i>esu</i>  |
| <b>Asu/amu</b>       | <b>Masc. Sing.</b>                                      | <b>Fem. Sing.</b>  | <b>Neutr. Sing.</b>   |
| Nom.                 | asu amu   | asu  | aduṃ  |
| Acc.                 | amuṃ  | amuṃ   | aduṃ amuṃ   |
| Instr.               | amunā   | amuyā  | amunā   |
| Abl.                 | amusmā amumhā   | amuyā  | amusmā amumhā   |
| Gen./Dat.            | amussa adussa   | amussā <i>amuyā</i>                                      | amussa adussa   |
| Loc.                 | amusmiṃ amumhi  | amussaṃ <i>amuyāṃ</i>                                    | amusmiṃ amumhi  |
|                      | <b>Masc. Plur.</b>                                      | <b>Masc. Plur.</b>                                       | <b>Neutr. Plur.</b>   |
| Nom.                 | amū <i>amūyo</i>  | amū <i>amūyo</i>   | amūni <i>amū</i>  |
| Acc.                 | amū <i>amūyo</i>  | amū <i>amūyo</i>   | amūni <i>amū</i>  |
| Instr.               | amūhi <i>amūbhi</i>                                     | amūhi <i>amūbhi</i>                                      | amūhi <i>amūbhi</i>   |
| Abl.                 | amūhi <i>amūbhi</i>                                     | amūhi <i>amūbhi</i>                                      | amūhi <i>amūbhi</i>   |
| Gen./Dat.            | amūsaṃ <i>amūsānaṃ</i>                                  | amūsaṃ <i>amūsānaṃ</i>                                   | amūsaṃ <i>amūsānaṃ</i>  |
| Loc.                 | amūsu   | amūsu  | amūsu   |
|                      | <b>Personal Pronouns</b>                                |  |   |
| <b>1 Pers. ma(d)</b> | <b>Sing.</b>  | <b>Plur.</b>   |   |
| Nom.                 | ahaṃ  | mayāṃ <i>amhe</i> <i>vayaṃ</i> <i>amhā</i>               |   |
| Acc.                 | maṃ <i>mamaṃ</i> <i>me</i>                              | amhe <i>asme</i> <i>asmākaṃ</i> <i>amhākaṃ</i> <i>no</i> |   |
| Instr.               | mayā <i>me</i>  | amhehi <i>amhebbhi</i> <i>no</i>                         |   |
| Abl.                 | mayā  | amhehi <i>amhebbhi</i>                                   |   |
| Gen./Dat.            | mama mayhaṃ <i>mamaṃ</i> <i>amhaṃ</i> <i>me</i>         | amhākaṃ <i>asmākaṃ</i> <i>amhaṃ</i> <i>no</i>            |   |
| Loc.                 | mayi  | amhesu <i>asmāsu</i> <i>asmesu</i>                       |   |
| <b>2 Pers. ta(d)</b> | <b>Sing.</b>  | <b>Plur.</b>   |   |
| Nom.                 | tvaṃ <i>tvaṃ</i> <i>taṃ</i>                             | tumhe  |   |
| Acc.                 | taṃ <i>tvaṃ</i> <i>tvaṃ</i> <i>tyaṃ</i> <i>tavaṃ</i>    | tumhe <i>tumhākaṃ</i> <i>vo</i> <i>ve</i> <i>vaṃ</i>     |   |
| Instr.               | tayā <i>tvayā</i> <i>te</i>                             | tumhehi <i>tumhebbhi</i> <i>vo</i> <i>ve</i> <i>vaṃ</i>  |   |
| Abl.                 | tayā <i>tvayā</i>                                       | tumhehi <i>tumhebbhi</i>                                 |   |
| Gen./Dat.            | tava <i>tuyhaṃ</i> <i>tumhaṃ</i> <i>tavaṃ</i> <i>te</i> | tumhākaṃ <i>tumhaṃ</i> <i>vo</i> <i>ve</i> <i>vaṃ</i>    |   |
| Loc.                 | tayi <i>tvayi</i>                                       | tumhesu  |   |
| <b>3 Pers. ta(d)</b> | <b>Masc. Sing.</b>                                      | <b>Fem. Sing.</b>  | <b>Neutr. Sing.</b>   |
| Nom.                 | so <i>sa</i>  | sā   | taṃ <i>tad-</i> <i>se</i> <i>tadaṃ</i>                              |
| Acc.                 | taṃ   | taṃ  | taṃ <i>tad-</i> <i>se</i>   |
| Instr.               | tena  | tāya   | tena  |
| Abl.                 | tasmā tamhā tato  | tāya   | tasmā tamhā tato  |
| Gen./Dat.            | tassa   | tassā tissā tassāya <i>tissāya</i> <i>tāya</i>           | tassa   |
| Loc.                 | tasmiṃ tamhi  | tassaṃ <i>tissaṃ</i> <i>tāsaṃ</i> <i>tāyaṃ</i>           | tasmiṃ tamhi  |
| <b>3 Pers. ta(d)</b> | <b>Masc. Plur.</b>                                      | <b>Masc. Plur.</b>                                       | <b>Neutr. Plur.</b>   |
| Nom.                 | te  | tā <i>tāyo</i>   | tāni  |
| Acc.                 | te  | tā <i>tāyo</i>   | tāni  |
| Instr.               | tehi <i>tebhi</i>                                       | tāhi <i>tābhi</i>  | tehi <i>tebhi</i>   |
| Abl.                 | tehi <i>tebhi</i>                                       | tāhi <i>tābhi</i>  | tehi <i>tebhi</i>   |
| Gen./Dat.            | tesaṃ <i>tesānaṃ</i>                                    | tāsaṃ <i>tāsānaṃ</i> <i>sānaṃ</i>                        | tesaṃ <i>tesānaṃ</i>  |
| Loc.                 | tesu  | tāsu   | tesu  |