

Lao Lesson 26

long: ເຂື = "eu"

practice writing here:

short: ເຂ = "eu"

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<p>call</p> <p>ເຂືນ</p> <p>"eun"</p>	<p>enjoy</p> <p>ເພີດເພີນ</p> <p>"pheut-pheun"</p>
<p>look / see</p> <p>ເບິ່ງ</p> <p>"beung"</p> <p>this "see" is with your eyes; it's not used as the English "Do you see my point?"</p>	<p>show</p> <p>ເບິ່ງໄດ້</p> <p>"beung-dai"</p> <p>as in, "let see"</p>
<p>OK?</p> <p>ເດີ</p> <p>"deu"</p> <p>There is no exact English word for this. It's sometimes added onto "thank you" & other phrases. You'll start noticing it a lot!</p>	<p>be born OR happen</p> <p>ເກີດ</p> <p>"gkeud"</p>
<p>invite / please</p> <p>ເຂືນ</p> <p>"seun"</p> <p>This word is used as "please" in only very formal situations. ປັດເຂືນ means "invitation"</p>	<p>2 weeks in a row no 8th word!</p> <p>beware next week...</p>

Cultural Grammar Notes: Please or no please?

Laotian doesn't use the word "please" nearly as often as English does; asking (or telling) someone to do something without the formalities is typical, and not considered rude.

To soften a typical request like: "Read this" ອ່ານ ນີ້ you could say instead, "Can you read this?" ເຈົ້າ ອ່ານ ນີ້ ໄດ້ ບໍ່?
[lit: "You read this able {question}?"] This is usually polite enough; otherwise your language may sound strange & stilted.