

# Lao Lesson 29

long: ຸວ = "Uah"

practice writing here:

long sandwich: ຸວຸ = "Uah"

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short: ຸວະ = "Uah"

practice writing here:

<p><b>husband</b></p> <p>ຜົວ</p> <p>"phua"</p>	<p><b>wife</b></p> <p>ເມຍ</p> <p>"mee-a"</p>
<p><b>wicked</b></p> <p>ຊົ່ວຮ້າຍ</p> <p>"sua-hai" (sometimes it's just ຊົ່ວ)</p>	<p><b>garden</b></p> <p>ສວນ</p> <p>"suan"</p>
<p><b>to cure / fix</b></p> <p>ປົວ</p> <p>"pua"</p>	<p><b>to lie</b></p> <p>ຕົວະ</p> <p>"dtua"</p>
<p><b>How is your garden?</b></p> <p>ສວນ ເຈົ້າ ເປັນ ຢ່າງ ໃດ?</p> <p>"suan chao pen yang dai?"</p> <p><b>lit:</b> "Garden yours be how?"</p> <p><b>Note:</b> this time "yours" is implied, even though ຂອງ was left out. To say ສວນ ຂອງເຈົ້າ is not incorrect, but it's not necessary either. Basically if the context makes the possession clear, ຂອງ is often dropped.</p>	<p><b>Culture Notes: Taking it slow</b></p> <p>Laotians love to garden; during summer months you'll notice pots and buckets everywhere with pepper &amp; herb plants. They also usually like to "chit chat" before diving into deep conversations (like religion!) Getting to know a little bit about their plants &amp; their food usually wins big smiles and helps everyone relax.</p>

**Grammar Notes:** The short vowel above: ຸວະ has a "short sandwich" form of ຸວຸ but it's not used often.