



THE GRAM'

have you ever heard
of a language whose
entire grammar fits
on a single sheet of paper?

Lesson 1

Alphabet & Pronunciation

Every letter is pronounced in every word, and everything is written exactly as it is pronounced. Esperanto does not use the letters Q, W, X and Y. We do, however, have 6 other letters - Ĉ, Ĝ, Ĥ, Ĵ, Ŝ and Ŭ - and some of the usual letters are pronounced differently:

A, B, C ('ts'), **Ĉ** ('ch'), **D, E, F, G** (as 'g' in 'gag'), **Ĝ** (as 'g' in 'genie'), **H, Ĥ** (as the 'ch' in 'loch'), **I** (as 'ee' in "bee"), **J** (short 'j', as 'y' in 'yes'), **Ĵ** (as 's' in 'measure'), **K, L, M, N, O, P, R, S, Ŝ** ('sh'), **T, U** ('oo'), **Ŭ** (short 'u', as 'w' in 'woman'), **V, Z**. In Esperanto, the emphasis is always on the second-last syllable of the word.

Word Endings

No exceptions in Esperanto:

Every noun ends in 'o' - parolo = speech.

Every adjective ends in 'a' - parola = oral.

Adverbs end in 'e' - parole = verbally.

Plural is made with a 'j' - paroloj = speeches.

Infinitive verbs with 'i' - paroli = to speak.

Articles

There is only one definite article, 'la':

la parolo = the speech, la paroloj = the speeches,

There is no indefinite article (no 'a', 'an', 'some'):

parolo = a speech, paroloj = some speeches.

Lesson 2

Personal Pronouns

mi (I), **vi** [or **ci**, seldom used] (you), **li** (he), **ŝi** (she), **ĝi** (it), **oni** (English 'one'), **ni** (we), **vi** (you), **ili** (they), **si** ('self', used as the reflexive pronoun).

By appending 'a' to the personal pronouns, we get the possessive adjectives:

mia, via, ilia... = my|mine, your|yours, their|theirs...

Conjugation & Basic Verb Tenses

The same verb ending is used for all persons, in every tense - no irregular verbs:

+i - infinitive. Paroli = 'to speak'.

+as - present. Mi parolas = I speak.

+is -past. Ni parolis = We spoke.

+os - future. Oni parolos = One will speak.

+us - conditional. Li parolus = He would speak.

+u - imperative. (Vi) Parolu! = Speak! [You shall speak!]

Lesson 3

Numbers

Cardinal:

nul (0), **unu** (1), **du** (2), **tri** (3), **kvar** (4), **kvin** (5), **ses** (6), **sep** (7), **ok** (8), **naŭ** (9), **dek** (10), **cent** (100), **mil** (1000), **miliono** (million).

Examples: dek du (12), dudek unu (21), ducent (200), mil naŭcent sesdek ok (1968).

Ordinal = +a. **Unua, dua** = first, second...

Adverb = +e. **Unue, due** = firstly, secondly...

Noun = +o. **Dekduo, dekoj** = a dozen, tens.

Multiple = +obl+a. **Duobla, triobla** = double, triple.

Fraction = +on+o. **Duono, kvarono** = half, quarter.

Group = +op+o. **Duopo, triopo** = duo, trio.

Lesson 4

Question

To make yes/no questions, we put 'ĉu' at the beginning of a sentence:

Ĉu li manĝas? = Is he eating?

Jes, li manĝas = Yes, he's eating.

Ne, li trinkas. = No, he's drinking.

Negation

To make a negative sentence, we just need to insert the word 'ne' right before the word that it negates.

Mi **ne** kantas = I am not singing.

Ne mi kantas = it is not me singing.

Accusative

In order to indicate that a noun is the object of a verb, we append 'n' to the noun - and also to its adjectives, which is unlike English.

The 'n' ending is also used with adverbs of place, to

indicate 'change of place', and it can also be used when a preposition is omitted.

Examples of usage:

Mi trinkas akvon (akv-o-n) = I drink water.

Mi amas vin (vi-n) = I love you.

Mi iras Parizon (Pariz-o-n) = I'm going to Paris.

Mi venos lundon (lund-o-n) = I'll come on Monday.

Lesson 5

Correlatives

45 quite logical words.

	i-	ki-	ti-	ĉi-	neni-
	(some)	(what)	(this)	(every)	(none)
+u	iu	kiu	tiu	ĉiu	neniu
(one)	some(one)	which who	this (one)	every(one)	none(-one)
+o	io	io	io	io	io
(thing)	something	what	this (thing)	everything	nothing
+a	ia	ia	ia	ia	ia
(kind)	some kind	what kind	this kind	every kind	no kind
+e	ie	ie	ie	ie	ie
(place)	somewhere	where	there	everywhere	nowhere
+am	iam	iam	iam	iam	iam
(time)	sometime	when	then	always	never
+el	iel	iel	iel	iel	iel
(manner)	somehow	how	thus	every way	no way
+al	ial	ial	ial	ial	ial
(reason)	for some reason	why	for this reason	for every reason	for no reason
+om	iom	iom	iom	iom	iom
(amount)	some, a little	how much	this much	every quantity	no quantity
+es	ies	ies	ies	ies	ies
("...s")	someone's	whose	this one's	everyone's	nobody's

Lesson 6

Suffixes

Placed between the root and the end of the word.

• names of living beings:

+ul (person): juna = young, junulo = a youth

+an (member): urbo = city, urbano = a citizen

+ist (profession): pano = bread, panisto = baker

+in (feminine): patro = father, patrino = mother

+id (offspring): koko = rooster, kokido = chick

+estr (chief): urbo = city, urbestro = mayor

• **names of things:**

+**aĵ** (concrete): nova = new, novaĵo = the news
 +**il** (tool): tranĉi = cut, tranĉilo = knife
 +**ar** (collective): arbo = tree, arbaro = forest
 +**er** (element): mono = money, monero = coin
 +**ej** (place): panejo = bakery
 +**uj** (container): monujo = purse
 +**ing** (holder): kandelo = candle, kandelingo = candlestick

• **abstract nouns:**

+**ec** (quality): bela = beautiful, beleco = beauty
 +**ism**: nacio = nation, naciismo = nationalism

• **qualifiers:**

+**abl** (capability): manĝebla = edible
 +**em** (inclination): kredi = believe, kredema = credulous
 +**ind** (worthy): ridi = laugh, ridinda = ridiculous
 +**end** (duty): pagi = pay, pagenda = outstanding
 • **verbial:**
 +**ig** (transitive): ruĝa = red, ruĝigi = make red
 +**iĝ** (intransitive) ruĝiĝi = to get red, to blush

• **universal:**

+**et** (diminutive): domo = house, dometo = cottage
 +**eg** (augmentative): domego = mansion
 +**aĉ** (pejorative): domaĉo = hovel, slum
 +**ad** (continuity): parolado = lecture
 +**um** (other uses): brako = arm, brakumi = embrace

Prefixes

Placed before the root of the word.

mal+ (opposite): bela = beautiful, malbela = ugly
re+ (repetition): legi = read, relegi = read again
eks+ (past state): eksministro = ex-minister
mis+ (error): miskompreni = misunderstand
ek+ (sudden start): ridi = laugh, ekridi = burst out laughing
bo+ (in-law): bopatro = father-in-law
pra+ (generation before): avo = grandfather, praavo = great-grandfather
fi+ (shame): fama = famous, fifama = ill reputed
dis+ (separate): doni = give, disdoni = distribute
ge+ (bi-gender address): gepatroj = parents,

Word Creation

Esperanto is a bit like Lego blocks. All you need to do is start combining pieces on a solid base, and you will build something new. In the same way, you can easily create words using suffixes and prefixes, and combining roots:

vapor+**ŝip**+o (vapor + ship) = steam boat
 okul+**vitr**+o+j (eye + glasses) = eye glasses
 sam+**temp**+e (same+time+ly) = at the same time

Lesson 7

Participles

	Present	Past	Future
Indicative	+as	+is	+os
Active	+ ant-a	+ int-a	+ ont-a
Passive	+ at-a	+ it-a	+ ot-a

• **active participles:**

Li estas kantinta = He has sung.
 Li estas kantanta = He is singing (right now).
 Li estas kantonta = He is going to sing.
 Vi estis skribinta = You had written.
 Vi estis skribanta = You were writing.
 Vi estis skribonta = You were going to write.
 Ŝi estos foririnta = She will have left.
 Ŝi estos foriranta = She will be leaving.
 Ŝi estos forironta = She'll be going to leave.

• **passive participles:**

La akvo estas trinkita = The water is drunk.
 La akvo estas trinkata = ... is being drunk.
 La akvo estas trinkota = ... is going to be drunk.
 La pano estis manĝita = The bread had been eaten.
 La pano estis manĝata = ...was being eaten.
 La pano estis manĝota = ...was going to be eaten.
 La foto estos vidita = The photo will have been seen.
 La foto estos vidata = ...will be being seen.
 La foto estos vidota = ...will be about to be seen.

Lesson 8

Comparatives

inferiority	malpli... ol	less... than
superiority	pli... ol	more... than
equality	tiel... kiel	as... as
superlative	la plej... la malplej...	the most... the least...

Conjunctions

• **subordinating**

ĉar = because, kvankam = although, ke = that, kvazaŭ = as if, se = if

• **coordinating**

sed = but, aŭ = or, kaj = and, do = so|then|therefore, nu = well|now (interjection), nek = neither|nor

Adverbs

hieraaŭ = yesterday
 hodiaŭ = today
 morgaŭ = tomorrow
 nun = now
 ĵus = just now
 tuj = immediately
 baldaŭ = soon
 jam = already
 ankoraŭ = yet

preskaŭ = almost
 apenaŭ = barely
 nur = only
 almenaŭ = at least
 ankaŭ = also
 eĉ = even
 tre = very
 tro = too (much)
 for = away

Prepositions

al = to	kun = with	ĉe = at
por = for	de = from	sub = under
el = out of	en = in	sur = on
antaŭ = before	ĉirkaŭ = around	super = over
malantaŭ = behind	apud = next to	dum = during
eskter = outside	inter = between	ekde = since
kontraŭ = against	ĝis = until	sen = without
laŭ = according to	krom = besides	post = after
malgraŭ = despite	per = by (use of)	pro = due to
pri = about	tra = through	trans = across
anstataŭ = instead		

Expressions

Saluton!

Hello!

Bonan tagon!

Good day!

Mi nomiĝas...

My name is...

ju pli... des pli...

the more... the more...

au... au...

either... or...

Ĝis la revido!

See you!

Bonan nokton!

Good night!

Kiel vi fartas?

How do you do?

kaj... kaj...

both... and...

nek... nek...

neither... nor...

Ĉu vi komprenas ĉion?

If so, then this means you now know all the basics of Esperanto – and you can **start using it!**

THE WORDS

the basic words
in a 2-page
mini-dictionary,
to help increase
your vocabulary!



Esperanto > English

aer-o	air	decid-i	decide
ag-i	act	dekstr-a	right
akcept-i	accept	demand-o	question
akvt-o	water	dezir-i	desire, wish
al	to	direkt-i	direct
ali-a	[an]other	divers-a	varied
alt-a	tall, high	dolĉ-a	sweet
amik-o	friend	dom-o	house
am-o	love	don-i	give
ankoraŭ	still, yet	dorm-i	sleep
anstataŭ	instead of	dum	during
antaŭ	before	edz-o	husband
apart-a	separate	ekster	outside
aper-i	appear	ekzempl-o	example
apud	next to, by	elekt-i	choose
artikol-o	article	en	in
art-o	art	esper-i	hope
asoci-o	association	est-i	be
atend-i	wait	facil-a	easy
aŭ	or	fajr-o	fire
aŭd-i	hear	fakt-o	fact
aŭskult-i	listen	fal-i	fall, drop
aŭt(omobil)-	car	far-i	do, make
aŭtobus-o	bus	fenestr-o	window
aŭtun-o	autumn, fall	fest-o	celebration
baldaŭ	soon	film-o	film
best-o	animal	fin-i	finish
bezon-o	need	fiŝ-o	fish
bild-o	picture	flank-o	side
bird-o	bird	flav-a	yellow
bon-o	good	flor-o	flower
ĉef-a	principal	flug-i	fly
cel-o	aim, goal	foj-o	turn, time
cert-a	certain	forĝes-i	forget
ĉu ?	(question)	fort-a	strong
da	of (quantity)	frap-i	hit, knock

frat-o	brother	krom	besides
fru-e	early	kuir-i	cook
frukt-o	fruit	kultur-o	culture
funkci-i	function	kun	with
gazet-o	magazine	kuŝ-a	laid down
ĝeneral-a	general	la	the
ĝis	until, to	labor-o	work
glas-o	glass	lac-a	tired
grand-a	big, large	land-o	country
grav-a	important	last-a	last
grup-o	group	leg-i	read
ĝust-a	exact, just	legom-o	legume
halt-i	stop	lern-i	learn
hav-i	have	libr-o	book
hejm-o	home	lig-i	tie, bind
help-o	help	lign-o	wood
histori-o	history	lingv-o	language
hor-o	hour	lud-i	play
ide-o	idea	manĝ-i	eat
inform-i	inform	mank-o	lack of
instru-i	teach	man-o	hand
interes-i	interest	mar-o	sea
ir-i	go	maten-o	morning
jar-o	year	memor-o	memory
jes	yes	met-i	put
ĵet-i	throw	mez-o	middle
jun-a	young	mir-o	marvel
kaj	and	mon-o	money
kamp-o	field	mult-a	much
kant-i	sing	naci-a	national
kap-o	head	natur-o	nature
kapt-i	catch	ne	no, not
kar-a	dear	neces-a	necessary
kaŝ-i	hide	nom-o	name
kaŭz-o	cause	nov-a	new
kelk-a	any, some	nur	only
klas-o	class	oft-e	often
knab-o	boy	okaz-o	occasion
kolekt-i	collect, gather	ol	than
kolor-o	colour	opini-o	opinion
komerco	commerce	ordinar-a	common
kompren-i	understand	organiz-i	organise
komun-a	[in] common	pac-o	peace
kongres-o	Congress	paĝ-o	page
kon-i	know	pan-o	bread
konsent-i	agree	paper-o	paper
konsil-o	advice	pardon-i	forgive
kontraŭ	against	part-o	part
kost-i	cost	patr-o	father
kresk-i	grow	pec-o	piece

pens-o	thought	skrib-i	write
perd-i	lose	sol-a	sole, alone
pet-i	ask for	son-o	sound
pied-o	foot	special-a	special
plen-a	full	spert-o	experience
pli (ol)	more (than)	star-i	stand
(ne) plu	(no) further	ŝtat-o	state (polit.)
plur-aj	several	strat-o	street
poem-o	poem	stud-i	study
popol-o	people	sub	under
post	after	sufiĉ-a	enough
poŝt-a	postal	sukces-o	success
pov-i	be able to	sun-o	sun
precip-e	especially	super	above
prefer-i	prefer	sur	on
pret-i	ready	tabl-o	table
pri	about	tag-o	day
produkt-o	product	tamen	however
proksim-e	close by	teatr-o	theatre
propr-a	own	telefon-o	telephone
prov-i	try	ten-i	hold
publik-a	public	ter-o	earth
pur-a	clean, pure	tim-o	fear
rakont-i	tell	tra	through
rapid-a	fast, quick	traduk-i	translate
regul-o	rule	tranĉ-i	cut
rekomend-i	recommend	trink-i	drink
rimark-i	notice	trov-i	find
ripet-i	repeat	tuj	immediately
river-o	river	tuŝ-i	touch
romp-i	break	universal-a	universal
rond-a	round	urb-o	city
ŝajn-i	seem	uz-i	use
salon-o	parlour	varm-a	warm
sam-a	same	vend-i	sell
san-a	healthy	ver-a	true
ŝanĝ-i	change	vesper-o	evening
ŝat-i	like	vest-o	garment
sci-i	know	viand-o	meat
seĝ-o	seat	vid-i	see
sen	without	vir-o	man
send-i	send	vitro	glass
serĉ-i	search	viv-o	life
serv-o	service	vizit-i	visit
sid-a	seated	vojaĝ-i	travel
signif-i	mean, signify	voj-o	way, route
sinjor-o	mister	vok-i	call
ŝip-o	ship	vol-i	want
situaci-o	situation	vort-o	word
skatol-o	box	zorg-o	care

English > Esperanto

(question)	ĉu ?	collect	kolekt-i
about	pri	colour	kolor-o
above	super	commerce	komerco-o
accept	akcept-i	common	komun-a
act	ag-i	common	ordinar-a
advice	konsil-o	congress	kongres-o
after	post	cook	kuir-i
against	kontraŭ	cost	kost-i
agree	konsent-i	country	land-o
aim	cel-o	crazy	freneza
air	aer-o	culture	kultur-o
alone	sol-a	cut	tranĉ-i
and	kaj	day	tag-o
animal	best-o	dear	kar-a
anymore	(ne...) plu	decide	decid-i
appear	aper-i	desire	dezir-i
art	art-o	direct	direkt-i
article	artikol-o	drink	trink-i
ask for	pet-i	drop	fal-i
association	asoci-o	during	dum
autumn	aŭtun-o	early	fru-e
be	est-i	earth	ter-o
before	antaŭ	easy	facil-a
besides	krom	eat	manĝ-i
big	grand-a	edit	redakt-i
bird	bird-o	enough	sufiĉ-a
book	libr-o	especially	precip-e
box	skatol-o	evening	vesper-o
boy	knab-o	exact	ĝust-a
bread	pan-o	example	ekzempl-o
break	romp-i	experience	spert-o
brother	frat-o	fact	fakt-o
bus	aŭtobus-o	fast	rapid-a
call	vok-i	father	patr-o
can	pov-i	fear	tim-o
car	aŭto	few	kelk-a
care	zorg-o	field	kamp-o
carriage	vagon-o	film	film-o
catch	kapt-i	find	trov-i
cause	kaŭz-o	finish	fin-i
celebration	fest-o	fire	fajr-o
certain	cert-a	fish	fiŝ-o
change	ŝanĝ-i	flower	flor-o
choose	elekt-i	fly	flug-i
city	urb-o	foot	pied-o
class	klas-o	forget	forges-i
close by	proksim-e	forgive	pardon-i
cloth	tuk-o	friend	amik-o

fruit	frukt-o	magazine	gazet-o
full	plen-a	make	far-i
function	funkci-i	man	vir-o
garment	vest-o	marvel	mir-o
general	ĝeneral-a	mean	signif-i
give	don-i	meat	viand-o
glass	glas-o	memory	memor-o
glass	vitr-o	method	metod-o
go	ir-i	middle	mez-o
good	bon-o	mister	sinjor-o
group	grup-o	money	mon-o
grow	kresk-i	more (than)	pli (ol)
hand	man-o	morning	maten-o
have	hav-i	name	nom-o
head	kap-o	national	naci-a
healthy	san-a	nature	natur-o
hear	aŭd-i	necessary	neces-a
help	help-o	need	bezon-o
hide	kaŝ-i	new	nov-a
history	histori-o	next	venonta
hit	frap-i	next to	apud
hold	ten-i	no, not	ne
home	hejm-o	notice	rimark-i
hope	esper-i	occasion	okaz-o
hour	hor-o	of	de
house	dom-o	of (quantity)	da
however	tamen	often	oft-e
husband	edz-o	on	sur
idea	ide-o	only	nur
immediately	tuj	opinion	opini-o
important	grav-a	or	aŭ
in	en	organise	organiz-i
inform	inform-i	other	ali-a
instead of	anstataŭ	outside	ekster
interest	interes-i	own	prop-r-a
know	sci-i	page	paĝ-o
know (acq.)	kon-l	paper	paper-o
lack	mank-o	parlour	salon-o
language	lingv-o	part	part-o
last	last-a	peace	pac-o
lay down	kuŝ-l	people	popol-o
learn	lern-i	picture	bild-o
legume	legom-o	piece	pec-o
life	viv-o	play	lud-i
like	ŝat-i	poem	poem-o
listen	aŭskult-i	postal	poŝt-a
loose	perd-i	prefer	prefer-i
love	am-o	principal	ĉef-a

product	produkt-o	telephone	telefon-o
proper	dec-a	tell	rakont-i
public	publik-a	than	ol
put	met-i	the	la
question	demand-o	theatre	teatr-o
read	leg-i	think	pens-i
ready	pret-i	through	tra
recommend	rekomend-i	throw	ĵet-i
repeat	ripet-i	tie (knot)	lig-i
right	dekstr-a	tired	lac-a
river	river-o	to	al
round	rond-a	touch	tuŝ-i
rule	regul-o	train	trajno
same	sam-a	translate	traduk-i
sea	mar-o	travel	vojaĝ-i
search	serĉ-i	tree	arbo
seat	seĝ-o	truth	ver-o
seated	sid-a	try	prov-i
see	vid-i	turn	turn-i
seem	ŝajn-i	turn (time)	foj-o
sell	vend-i	under	sub
send	send-i	understand	kompren-i
separate	apart-a	universal	universal-a
service	serv-o	until	ĝis
several	plur-aj	use	uz-i
shine	bril-i	varied	divers-a
ship	ŝip-o	various	mult-aj
side	flank-o	visit	vizit-i
sing	kant-i	wait	atend-i
situation	situaci-o	want	vol-i
sleep	dorm-i	warm	varm-a
soon	baldaŭ	water	akv-o
sound	son-o	way	voj-o
special	special-a	window	fenestr-o
stand	star-i	with	kun
state (polit.)	ŝtat-o	without	sen
stop	halt-i	wood	lign-o
street	strat-o	word	vort-o
strong	fort-a	work	labor-o
study	stud-i	write	skrib-i
success	sukces-o	year	jar-o
sun	sun-o	yellow	flav-a
sweet	dolĉ-a	yes	jes
table	tabl-o	yet	ankoraŭ
tall	alt-a	young	jun-a
teach	instru-i		

