

Creating Sentences Using "The" / "A" / "An" in Sinhala

How to use this Bonus Supplement:

Just mix n' match. That's all.

For example, if you want to say "You (are) the beautiful girl"

- Step 1: Choose your pronoun from Column 1 \rightarrow "You (are)" = o·yaa
- Step 2: Choose your adjective from Column 2 → "beautiful" = las·sà·nà
- Step 3: Choose your noun from Column 3 → "the girl" = kél·là
- Step 4: Put them together: "You (are) the beautiful girl" = o·yaa las·sà·nà kél·là

On the other hand, if you wanted to say "You (are) a beautiful girl", then:

- Step 1 & 2: Same as above
- Step 3: Choose your noun from Column 4 (not 3) → "a girl" = kél·lék
- Step 4: Put them together: "You (are) a beautiful girl" = o·yaa las·sà·nà kél·lék

Have fun!



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Table 1: Creating Sentences With "People" Nouns

PERSONAL PRONOUN		ADJECTIVE		NOUN			
	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3) "The"	(Col. 4) "A"/"An"	
I (am)	ma·mà	big	lo∙ku	man	mi·ni·ha	mi·ni·hék	
We (are)	a∙pi	small	po·di	woman	gǣ∙ni	gæ·ni·yék*	
You (are)	o∙yaa	good	hoňdhá	boy	kol·la	kol·lék	
He/She (is)	é∙yaa	bad	na·rà·kà	girl	kél·là	kél·lék	
		young	tha∙ru∙nà	adult	væ·di·hi·ti·ya	væ·di·hi·ti·yék	
		old	va·yà·sà·kà	child	la·mà·ya	la·mà·yék	
		beautiful	las∙sà∙nà	*'gæ·ni·yék' is one of the exceptions I mentioned in the post. Notice that 'gæ·ni' ended with 'i' so we added 'yék' (instead of the usual 'ék'). But don't worry about it because			
		ugly	kæ∙thá				
		tall	u∙sä	except for 'gæ·ni·yék' I can't think of another instance			
		short	ko·tá	when we do this.			
		fat	ma·ha·thà				
		thin	két∙tu				



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Table 2: Creating Sentences With "Object" Nouns

PRONOUN		ADJECTIVE		NOUN		
	(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3) "The"	(Col. 4) "A"/"An"
This (is)	mé·kä	big	lo∙ku	book	po·thá	po·thak
That (is)	é·kà	small	po·di	movie	film é·kà	film é·kak
It (is)	é∙kà	good	hoňdhá	song	sin·dhu·wà	sin∙dhu∙wak
		bad	na·rà·kà	table	mḗ·sà· y à	mḗ·sà·yak
		new	a∙luth	chair	pu∙tu∙wä	pu·tu·wak
		old	pa·rà·nà	name	na∙mà	na·mak
		beautiful	las∙sà∙nà	country	ra∙tà	ra∙tak
		ugly	kæ∙thà			
		high	u∙sä			
		short	ko∙tà			
		heavy	ba∙rä			
		light	sæ·hæl·lu			

If you have any questions (or you just want to tell me how awesome I am...) please leave a comment at the bottom of the original post: http://www.lazybutsmartsinhala.com/do-we-use-articles-in-sinhala-the-a-an/