

## Thai politeness

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**Krab** (formal) is used for singing, reading and writing but people prefer to say '**cup** or **kup**' without the 'r' or rolling tongue. This is only for a male speaker. It's used at the end of a sentence to be polite.

**Ka** is used by a female speaker and again it's to ensure the politeness of the speaker. This is used at the end of a sentence.

**Khun** is used as "**Sir/Madam**". It is very polite to call someone's name with "**Khun**" before their name such as "**Khun Peter**"

**Khun** can also mean "**you**". It is being used when you do not know the person's name

For example

**Khun chue arai** (you name what = What is your name?)

**Khun chorb Australia Mai** (you like Australia? = Do you like Australia?)

However, if you know the person you talk to it is better to say their names instead of using "Khun"

**Michael chorb Austraila Mai** (Michael like Australia? = Michael, do you like Australia?)

"**I**" is used in the language English often and this does not change no matter who you are or what you do. You always say "**I**" when it means yourself. But in Thai it's different it can change according to the culture. It is important to know who you are, what age you are, what you do and how important you are to the person you are talking to

For Example

**Pi Suwat chorb Australia Cup** (I, Suwat, like Australia)

**Pi** (older person, Suwat is older than the person he is talking to) instead of using "**I**" he used "**Pi Suwat**" to be more friendly. He is also being very polite by using 'Cup' at the end of the sentence. Likewise the person will call him "**Pi Suwat**", instead of "**You (Khun)**"

**Por chorb Australia Cup** (I, Father, like Australia)

**Por** = Father. This is used instead of using "**I**". He used "**Por**" because he is talking to his own children.

It may be quite difficult to understand how to use "**I**" correctly especially when you try to speak Thai for the first time. But it would be easier to use ;

"**Phom**" for males and "**Di-chan**" or "**Chan**" for females, but please remember you should not use this if you are talking to children.

Using your own name is recommended to say **"I"** if you feel very close to the one you talk to

For example, **Peter chorb Australia Cup**. "I (Peter) like Australia)