

Hello vanakkam

Goodbye poitu vare

Thank you nandri

Yes ama

No illay

What enna

How eppadi

Where enga

When eppa

Who jaar

Which edhu

How many ethana

How much evvalavu

Why ean

Morning kaalay

Evening maalay

How are you?
Eppadi irukkeenga?

Where are you going?
Enga poreenga?

When are you going?
Eppo poreenga?

You're doing fine?
Nllaa irukkeengala?

I'm doing fine. Nallaa irukkayn.

What's your name? Ungal peyar enna?

What are you doing? Ena cery-inga?

See you paappom (om sounds like the famous OM)

What is the time? Neram enna?

See you later Apparam paapom (apparam = later)

Whats up? ennadaa (male buddy), ennadee (female buddy), ennanga (elders and strangers).

Small chinna

Large perria

Just a little kunjum

Not much onnum illa

I don't want / need venda

I don't tiriadhu

know/understand

Ok / alright

"chery" or
"shery"

How much does this
cost?

Idhu yenna vilai?

Crowd

kootam

Tree

maram

Mango tree

maamaran

Come

vaa

Come in

ulla vaa

Come (with respect)

vaanga

Here

ingay

There

angay

Come here

ingay vaanga

Go there

anga Po

Inside

ulla

Outside

veliya

Where is xxx ****

enga irukku?
(just add what
you need in
front)

Up

mela

Down

keela

Sit down

Keela
ukaarunga. (on
the ground)

What is the price of
xxx ****

aywallavu? (add
what you need in
front)

This

idhu

That

adhu

What is the price of
this / that

Idhu aywallavu?
or Adhu
aywallavu?

Half

paadhi or arra

Half a torn note of
ruppee

paadhi rupa

half a rupee i.e. 50
paise

arra rupa

3/4th

mukkaal

Scratch

ari

Love

kadal

Much

romba

Very beautiful

romba Alaga
Irikku

Good

nalla

Bad keta

Thief kalla

Go! (rude) Poda! Po!

Go, you dog! Poda Nai

Come! (rude) Wa!

Get out of the bloody way! Waram!

Cloth thuni

1 One 1 onnu

2 Two 2 rendu

3 Three 3 moonu

4 Four 4 naalu

5 Five 5 anju

6 Six 6 aaru

7 Seven 7 yaelu

8 Eight 8 yettu

9 Nine 9 ompodu

10 Ten 10 patthu

20 Twenty 20 irupathu

30 Thirty 30 muppadhu

40 Forty 40 naapadhu

50 Fifty	50 ambadhu
60 Sixty	60 arupathu
70 Seventy	70 elupatu
80 Eighty	80 empathu
90 Ninety	90 thonnuru
100 One Hundred	100 nooru
Vehicle	wandi
Stop the vehicle here.	vandiya inga niruthunga.
Mother	amma
Go straight	Nae-raa ponga.
Father	appa
Give	kuda
Scissors	catricoyal

FOOD - Saappaadu

water	thanni
Milk	pal
Fruit / fruits	pallam / pallangal
Vegetable / vegetables	kaai / kaaigal
Meal	saappaadu

Rice (raw)	arisu
Rice (cooked)	saadam
Onions	vengayam
Sugar	chakkiri
Eggplant	kathrikai
Banana	vazhapalam
Tomato	takkali
Lentils	parrupu
Pumpkin	pushnikkai
Greens/spinach/lettuce	keerai
Ginger	inji
Chili pepper	malaga
Garlic	poondu
Bitter gourd	paavakkai
Okra	vendakkai
Flower	poo
Rose	roja poo
Plant	chedi
Tree	maram
Animal	mirugam
Cat	punai

Dog	nai
Good dog	nallai Nai
Snake	pambu
Goat	aadu
Buffalo	erumai or erumai maadu.
Cow	kaalai
Milking Cows	pasu
Calf	kannu kutti.
Tiger	puli: L is pronounced lean
Horse	kudhura
Monkey	korangu
Mosquito	kosu
Bird	paravi
Crow	kaa kaa
Sparrow/small bird	koravi
Squirrel	anil
Parrot	kili
Housefly	ee
Insect	poochi
Fish	meen

No pinching please!

Please pinch
panna-dhen-go!

Who is he?

Avan yaaru?

Who is she?

Aval yaaru?

Who are they?

Avar yaaru?

He is very good.

Avan rumba
nalla irukkaan.

She is very good.

Avan rumba
nalla irukkaal.

Your very good.
(shows respect)

Ningal rumba
nalla irukkaar.
or irukkaanga

Very bad

rumba mosum

You go.

Nee po.

Shell we go?

Poolama?

Come, we go.

Vaanga poolam.

Come here please.

Ingay vanga tay-
vu say-do.

Wait

irra

Where are you going?

Nee enga porae?
(peer or lesser)
Neenga enga
poreenga? (elder

or plural)

Where is your house?

Unnoda veedu
engae?

My house is over
there.

En veedu angae
irukku.

Me.

nan.

Mine

yen or yennodu

I am going.

Nan poring.

You

nee

Yours

un or unnodu

He

avan

His

avanodu

She

aval (strong L)

Hers

avalodu

Where's my head at.

Nama tali yenja.

Tomorrow come here.

Nar-li-ki ingay
vanga.

Dead.

Sethu Pochu.
(emphasis on th
and ch - almost
like Seththu
Pochchu).

Sleep	thoongu
Shall we sleep?	thoongalama?
We sleep.	thoongalam.
Young boy	tumbi
Young girl, older girl, even older	ponnu, amma, paati
Go	po
Run	odu
Stand	nillu
Walk	nada
Swim	neendhu
Fly	para
Jump	kundhi
Fell	vilu
Sit	ukkaar
Date	theadhi
Day	naal
Today	innaiku
Yesterday	neathu
Tomorrow	naalaiku
Day after tomorrow	naalaanaiku

Now	ippa
Then	appa
Last week	pona vaaram
Next week	adutha vaaram
What day?	ennaikku?
Last month	pona maasam
Next year	adutha vaarusham
Happy	sandhosam
Angry	kovam
Sad	kavalai
Confusion	kulappam
Fear	bayam
Why are you angry?	Ean kovama irukeenga?
We are very angry!	Naanga romba kovama irukom!
Slow	medhuva
Fast	vegama
Early	seekirama
Carefully	jaakiraha
Hurry	avasaram

Run fast	vegama odu
Walk carefully.	Jaakirathaiya nada.
Walk slowly. Do not run.	Medhuva nada. Odaadha.
Eat	saapidu
Study	padi
Shout	katthu
Sing	paadu
Dance	aadu
Stop	nirutu
Stone	kal
Soil	mannu
Dust	thoosi
River	aaru
Sea	kadal
Lake	eeari
Pond	kulam
Dam	anai
Well	kinaru
Boat	padagu
Ship	kappal

Path

paathai

Door

kadhavu

Open the door

kadhavai thira

Window

jannal

Close the window

jannalai moodu